

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“Open Our Eyes”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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*Call to Worship

from Psalm 8

L: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! You made your glory higher than heaven!

P: When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made— the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—

L: What are human beings that you think about them;

P: What are human beings that you pay attention to them?

L: You've made them only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and grandeur.

P: You've let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet—

L: All sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

P: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

*Song of Praise

**Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in' the lost and forsaken, gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in' the rich and the haughty, gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish
us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light-years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

A Season of Prayer



Invitation to Prayer “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit to this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

“Interlude”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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The Lord’s Prayer

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**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Special Music

“O Love, that Will Not Let Me Go”

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26-27

L: This is the word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Preparation

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

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Verses 1, 4

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**God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space
We your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.**

**As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one!**

Message

“Science vs. Religion”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Stewardship

Song During Offering

“Grace Alone”

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

Bless these gifts, O God, and use them in your service. We offer them out of love for you and all you have created. We ask you guide us to use them to further the reach of your love to all the earth. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that we may live our lives in love and adoration of you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Hymn of Celebration "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"**
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**Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray:**

**God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculations lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.**

**May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.**

**As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
Till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source!**

***Sending Forth with Blessing**

L: Go in peace!

P: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go into the world to be the people of God, the body of Christ!

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