

Welcome and Announcements

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Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts “Down to the River to Pray”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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*Call to Worship

L: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

P: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.

L: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

P: Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.

L: We join together on one journey,

P: the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.

L: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God’s will is done.

P: Let us join with all our brothers and sisters and siblings in worship and true communion with God!

*Song of Praise

“Come Away with Me”

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**Come away with me to a quiet place
Apart from the world with its frantic pace
To pray reflect and seek God's grace
Come away with me, come away**

**Come and pray with me on a gentle sea
On top of a hill in the Galilee
In gardens like Gethsemane
Come away with me, come away**

**Come today with thoughts of the countless ways
That God's steadfast love blesses all our days
And join with me in silent praise
Come away with me, come away**

**Come and say in words whispered from your soul
The feelings and actions you can't control
Your spirit needs to be made whole
Come away with me, come away**

**Come away with me to a quiet place
To God's loving arms waiting to embrace
All those who come in hope of grace
Come away with me, come away**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH 496

Verse 1

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**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

Response to Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH 496

Verse 3

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

Anthem

“Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join”

Chancel Choir

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740, Music: Adapt. from Orlando Gibbons, 1623, Public Domain

Scripture Reading

James 5:13-20

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

P: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Preparation

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

UMH 454

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**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Message

“Why Should We Pray?”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Jesus prayed that we might be one: One in spirit, one in mission; in union and communion with each other and with You. Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

A Time of Quiet for Personal Confession

Words of Assurance

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were still sinners. That proves God's love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: Glory to God! Amen!

The Passing of the Peace

L: Let us offer to one another signs of reconciliation and love. May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

(please share signs of peace with one another)

We Share Our Gifts

Song During Offering "Hope, Strength, Love"

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. ...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn as we sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith, singing:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

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!**

Holy Communion

Song During Communion

Elizabeth Tombouliau

“Come and Share Our Bread”

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*Hymn of Response

“This Is My Song”

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**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;**

**But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done!**

*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!**

Music for Going Forth

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“It's Me It's Me O Lord” (Standing in the Need of Prayer)

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