

A Time of Gathering

The Singing Bowl

The use of a Singing Bowl to aid in meditation goes back hundreds, maybe thousands of years across the far east. When it is sounded, the tone and the vibrations may help you clear your mind, cleanse your heart and comfort your soul. We will use the Singing Bowl through Lent as a way to open ourselves to God's gracious mercy and love.

Song

“Christ is Here for Us (the Body of Christ)”

Chancel Choir

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Calling on God

L: Let us pray together:

All: Holy One, Our Balm, Our Feast we lift our hands and call your name, in need of healing—thirsting and hungry. Your steadfast love is better than life. Open us this day to your nourishment in the songs of the land, in the beauty of the sky— in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“The Gifts of God Are Free”

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**The gifts of God are free — the water, milk and wine;
The feast of God's community is set — for all to dine.**

**O God, we tend to see a world of limits here;
We share your gifts reluctantly and hoard them out of fear.**

**And yet you give your grace like food from heaven above;
Your church becomes a welcome place, a banquet of your love.**

**There's joy, and joy to spare; there's bread that satisfies;
You call us now to seek and share your love that changes lives.**

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

Silent Reflection

... And despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

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

All: Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

Anthem

"When We Live in Jesus"

Chancel Choir
Ginny Hildebrand, Soloist

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Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Preparation

"Be Thou My Vision"

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**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Message

"Lots of Things Can Be Medicine"

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Season of Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer "That's Enough for Me (Warner)"

Chancel Choir

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A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

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!**

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

"Introspection"

Canterbury Bells

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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!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings– no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives– we offer our gifts and ourselves, and know that you transform what we plant into the produce of love. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “O Love, that Will Not Let Me Go”

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**O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.**

Announcements

Choral Benediction

A Blessing for Slowing Down

*Music for Going Forth

Elizabeth Tombouljian

“Meditation on the Heart of Christ, Part 3”

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