

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts “Dancing in the Light of God”

Elizabeth Tombouliau

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Threshold

“Dare to Dance Again”

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**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!**

L: This is the call! Face this new day, even when you aren't sure..

P: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

L: Get ready for life, for life is all around.

P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

L: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of hope and set out anyway.

P: For we are called to dance again!

L: Will you rise as you are comfortable...

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise”

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**Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and sikes:
Who died to save the world he made, and rose triumphant from the dead;
He rose, the Prince of life and peace, and stamped the day for ever his.**

**This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see his love displayed,
May feel his resurrection's power, and rise again, to fall no more,
In perfect righteousness renewed, and filled with all the life of God.**

**Then let us render him his own, with solemn prayer approach his throne,
With meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks his dying love record,
Our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.**

*Morning Prayer (Unison)

**Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – You set this world in motion and gave it life.
Turn us to you when our steps are not sure. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as
we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray.
Amen.**

*Affirming Peace Among Us

L: May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

First Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Second Scripture Reading:

1 John 3:1-3

L: The Word of God for the people of God!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

“They Need to Hear It From You”

Chancel Choir

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Message

“Dancing Sure”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

The Prayers of the People

Call to Prayer

“Teach Me to Dance”

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Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart

Teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit

Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence

Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart

L: For the beauty of the world in all its diversity, we give you thanks, O God. ...

L: Let us pray together...

P: **May our gratitude to you fill our days.**

L: We need your healing, O Holy One, for our troubled planet, for our nation, for all who are struggling in body, mind, relationships, and spirit. We remember those who are suffering...

L: Let us pray together...

P: **Come, O God, and restore our lives.**

L: Be with each of us now. May the dance of your Spirit ever call us to engage with you and with the needs around us. Lead us; guide us; surround and fill us as we pray,

P: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Sung

Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,

teach me to trust in the word of your promise,

teach me to hope in the day of your coming,

teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.

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 “May Your Life Be As a Song” Elizabeth Tombouljian

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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)

Mighty God who brings life and hope out of death and despair, help us hear the invitation Christ offered to the disciples, “Touch me and see!” Make us bold to grab hold of the risen Christ – not for this day but for all our days. May we offer our gifts this morning not to the church historical—the church that was—but to a church that is becoming, that is still being born, that Christ will bring into the future. May our eyes and ears and hearts continue to hold on to him as we help Christ lead his church forward! In his name, we pray. Amen.

*Song of Praise

“Marching to Zion”

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**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

Refrain

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)**

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)**

***Sending Forth with Blessing**

***Music for Going Forth** **“Dancing in the Light of God”**
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