

Centering Bell

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

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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! Ready yourselves for new life.

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

L: Get ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

**P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.**

L: Even when rain sets in, open those umbrellas of gratitude and set out anyway.

**P: For we are called to dance again!**

\*Hymn of Praise

“He Lives”

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**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he's always near.**

Chorus

**He lives, he lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart!**

**In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing will come at last. (Chorus)**

**Rejoice, rejoice O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Chorus)**

**\*Morning Prayer (Unison)**

**Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Help us to put on our dancing shoes so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus. 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!**

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First Scripture Reading

Psalm 47: 1-6

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Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

“Blessing After Blessing”

Chancel Choir

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Message

“Gone Up with A Shout: Clap Your Hands”

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. ... 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... 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**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!**

*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.**

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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**\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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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)**

**Loving God of both comfort and challenge; we have been blessed to know the feeling of being surrounded in your loving arms like a child. Yet we also know that is not a place we can stay. You send us to be part of the world – with all its ugliness, anger, hate, deceit, and betrayals – but not of the world. You call us to give, so that love, compassion, and hope might be set loose. We are not giving as those who are of the**

**world – expecting to receive in the transaction. We give instead out of gratitude for your loving heart, made known to us in Christ. Use us in this way, we pray in the blessed name of Christ, who by your love overcame death. Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise**

**“Sent Forth by God’s blessing”**

**UMH 664**

*Words by Omer Westendorf, 1964; Music: Welsh folk tune; harm. by Leland Sateren OneLicense #A-734399*

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

**\*Sending Forth with Blessing**

**\*Music for Going Forth**

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