Grace United Methodist Church

May 14, 2023

Greeting

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome and Announcements

Ellen White

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "Dancing in the Light of God"

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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Threshold

"Dare to Dance Again"

Selina Tackie, Elizabeth Pajak

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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! The sun breaks through the clouds.
- P: We lift up our heads to meet the day.
- L: We know that God is at work in our lives.
- P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.
- L: And when rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas set out anyway.
- P: For we are called to dance again!
- L: Let's rise and sing and celebrate together!

*Praise Medley Projected

This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is my commandment, that you love one another, That your joy may be full This is my commandment, that you love one another, That your joy may be full

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That your joy may be full
That your joy may be full
This is my commandment, that you love one another,
That your joy may be full

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice Rejoice! Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! And again I say rejoice!

Clap your hands all ye people Shout unto God with the voice of triumph Clap your hands all ye people, Shout unto God with the voice of praise. Hosanna, hosanna, shout unto God with the voice of triumph, Praise Him praise Him, shout unto God with the voice of praise.

This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

*Morning Prayer (Unison)

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Let us be open to learn from the dances of others. Open us to new steps for a new day. 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.

*The Peace

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

P: And also with you!

Please share signs of peace with one another

We Celebrate Mother's Day

Video

First Scripture Reading

John 15:9, 11-15a

Second Reading Acts 10: 44-48

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Chancel Choir

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Message Break Forth! Rev. Sharon Pajak

Special Music "I Hope You Dance" Elizabeth Tomboulian

& Chancel Choir

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A Season of 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!

All sing

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 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Dustin Willis

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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) (liturgist, please lead, saying "let us pray together") With the beauty of spring breaking forth, and Easter "Alleluias!" still echoing, we offer you our praise, God of new life. We eagerly seek to love you, love one another and bear fruit that will last! Receive these gifts, offered in generosity and love, to expand your reach in our community and in the world! Amen!

*Song of Praise

"The Trees of the Field"

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Sing Twice

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

*Blessing

May the Loving God, Risen Christ, and Dancing Spirit fill you with all you need for the days ahead!

*Music for Going Forth

"Dancing in the Light of God"

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