

Welcome and Announcements

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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! We lean into this day with the strength we have.

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

L: God sends out a call that will not let us go.

P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

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

P: For we are called to dance again!

L: *Will you please rise as you are able, and join in the song!*

*Hymn of Praise

“Let All Creation Dance”

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**Let all creation dance in energies sublime
As order turns with chance unfolding space and time
For nature's art in glory grows and newly shows God's mind and heart**

**God's breath each force unfurls igniting from a spark
Expanding starry swirls with whirlpools dense and dark
Though moon and sun seem mindless things
each orbit sings Your will be done**

**Our own amazing earth with sunlight cloud and storms
And life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms
Is made for praise a fragile whole and from its soul heav'ns music plays**

**Lift heart and soul and voice in Christ all praises meet
And nature shall rejoice as all is made complete
In hope be strong all life befriend and kindly tend creation's song**

*Morning Prayer (Unison)

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – we know your voice, the sounds of your steps. Your love gathers us, urges us, encourages us. 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

John 10:11-17

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Second Scripture Reading:

1 John 3:16-18, 23-24

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

Chancel Choir

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Message

“The Dance of Love”

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.

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!

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

"Heaven Is In 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)**

Mighty God, as we offer our gifts today, we do so in confidence in the presence and care of the Risen Christ! Bless them, we pray. As we join the rhythm of love, let us use these gifts to lead the dance of love in this world that needs you so very much. Amen!

***Song of Praise** **“They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”** **TFWS 2223**

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**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Chorus

**And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: *(Chorus)***

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride: *(Chorus)***

**We will dance with each other, we will dance once again,
We will dance with each other, we will dance once again,
And we’ll show God’s great love in the world without end: *(Chorus)***

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *(Chorus)***

***Sending Forth with Blessing**

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

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