Service of Worship  
June 21, 2020 10:00am  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE  
“As the Wind Song”  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT  
“Be Thou My Vision”  
arr. Joseph L. Miller

Trey Bures, handbell solo – Katie Hearn, piano

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)

Ever living and ever-loving God, as we bow in your presence,  
we reflect on the words of the psalmist ....

Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence?  
If we go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if we make our beds in the depths, you are there.

If we rise on the wings of the dawn, if we settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide us, your right hand will hold us fast.

If we say, "Surely the darkness will hide us and the light become night around us"  
even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
“God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger”

God, we've known such grief and anger
As we've heard your people cry.
We have asked you, "How much longer?"
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"
In this world of so much suffering,
May we hear your word anew:
"I will never leave you orphaned;
I will not abandon you."

By your grace comes resurrection;
By your love, you cast out fear.
You give strength and sure direction
As we seek to serve you here.
You give comfort to the grieving,
And you bless the ones who mourn.
May we trust in you, believing
Out of chaos, hope is born.

Hope is ours for, God, you love us!
You have claimed us by your grace.
And through Jesus, you have called us
To bring hope to every place.
In each rescue worker's caring,
In each faithful volunteer,
In each Christian's love and sharing,
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.

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Hymn Tune: EBENEZER
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PRAYER OF ASKING

O Eternal One, whose message to us has always been that our relationship to you is inextricably related to how we treat our sisters and brothers, bend low your spirit this day and touch us with your power. Wean us from our tendency to nurture perceived slights and to put hot coals to our anger. Wean us from all tendencies to take advantage of others for personal gain. Wean us from negativity and from becoming bitter whether or not we think we are justified in our feelings. Wean us from the all too human and common tendency to gossip about others and to slander them in any way. Wean us from carrying malice in our hearts and from giving in to anything that would poison relationships with others. Make us over again, O gracious God.

ASSURANCE (One)

Give us a consistent kindness and compassion for others. Keep us always tender hearted even when the world delivers difficult blows and setbacks to us. Teach us once again about your redeeming grace in order that we may learn, however slowly and however tentatively, how to forgive others. Teach us how to live abundantly into the future as victorious and expectant people. And indelibly remind us that we are among your forgiven and beloved community. Amen

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you and all others!

ANTHEM

“Creation Will Be at Peace”  Music by Anna Laura Page
Chancel Ensemble
Adapted from Isaiah 11:6-9
In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
their young will play together; a little child will lead.
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN 649  “Amazing Grace”  AMAZING GRACE
(printed hymn below)
1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Grace has brought me word my hope secures.
Grace appeared the hour I first believed!
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.

2 ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
Grace my fears relieved.
Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
Grace appeared the hour I first believed!
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
My hopes are brighter than when we’d first begun,
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
He will my shield and shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.

5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright as the sun, we’ve no less days to
Grace has taught my heart to sing God’s praise.
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As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4: John Newton, 1772; stanza 5: A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
MUSIC: Columbia Harmony, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.
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CHOCOTAW
Shilombish holitopa ma!
Išimmini putta cha
hatak ilbusha pia ha
is psi yukpalashke.

CREEK
Po ya fek chi he thlat ah tet
ah non ah cha pu kas
cha fee kee o funman la jus
um e ha ta la yus.

NAVAHO
Nizhóníigo joddá diits’ a’
yisádi’ihtchití,
lah yóótíyád, k’ad
shéndhoosdzíin,
doo eesh’jí da rit’éé.

AMAZING GRACE
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Equipping

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:29–32 (NRSV)
Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Simon and the Big, Bad Angry Beasts” Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

*HYMN 79 “Light Dawns on a Weary World” TEMPLE OF PEACE
(printed hymn below)
79 Light Dawns on a Weary World

1 Light dawns on a wea-ry world when eyes be-gin to
see all peo-ple’s dig-ni-ty. Light dawns on a
wea-ry world: the prom-ised day of jus-tice comes.
Refrain

2 Love grows in a wea-ry world when hun-gry hearts find
bread and chil-dren’s dreams are fed. Love grows in a
wea-ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen-ty comes.

3 Hope blooms in a wea-ry world when crea-tures, once for-
born, find wil-der-ness re-born. Hope grows in a
wea-ry world: the prom-ised green of E-den comes.

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11,
which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their
first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Paul Manz, Op. 21

Linda Dover, organist

*Common English Bible

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