



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

## Gathering

PRELUDE

“As the Wind Song”  
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Be Thou My Vision”

Adapted from an Irish Tune

Trey Bures, handbell solo – Katie Hearn, piano

arr. Joseph L. Miller

*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  
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”  
(printed hymn below)

AMAZING GRACE

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joobá diits' a'  
 yisdáshítínigí,  
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da nít'ée.*

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.

## 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”  
(printed hymn below)

TEMPLE OF PEACE

# 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



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.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness”  
Linda Dover, organist

Paul Manz, Op. 21

*\*Common English Bible*

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