# Service of Worship, Fifth Sunday in Lent March 29, 2020, 10am

### GATHERING ALL PEOPLE IN A CARING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

**GATHERING CHIMES** 

"Sanctuary"

arr. Nylea Butler Moore

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (unison)

Father in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.

HYMN

"Kum ba Yah"

KUM BA YAH

(Come by here, my Lord) (Soloist) Kum ba Yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! (repeat twice) O Lord, kum ba yah!

(All to the end) Someone's crying, Lord...

Someone's singing, Lord...

Someone's praying, Lord ...

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

### PRAYER OF ASKING (unison)

Merciful God, we give you our worries and concerns and ask for your guidance. You see it all, the outer circumstances, the inner turmoil. We know that you understand our lives, that sometimes our hearts weigh heavy with trouble and fear. We lay all these things before you. We breathe in, safe in the knowledge that we are held by grace. (breathe in) We breathe out, knowing that we are held secure in your arms. (breathe out) And we wait on you. For you are all truth, you are overflowing love, you are a beacon of hope and a fortress of faith. Lord, we are here, attentive to your voice. May we be alert to your Spirit's guiding as we journey forward with you. Amen.

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Sue: May the peace of Christ be with you and every one.

## ALL: And also with you and all others!

"Every breath we take, every step we make, can be filled with peace, joy and serenity." — Thich Nhat Hanh

HYMN #465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (vs. 1, Solo; vs. 2 & 3 All)

CONVERSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)* ...as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO DEVELOP AND SHARE A FAITH THAT WORKS IN REAL LIFE

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6: 7-14

"When you pray, don't pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they'll be heard. Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Somebody's Prayin'"

arr. Mark Hayes

Emily Monrad Boston, soloist Somebody's prayin' – I can feel it. Somebody's prayin' for me. Mighty hands are guiding me to protect me from what I can't see. Lord, I believe somebody's prayin' for me. Angels are watchin' – I can feel it. Angels are watchin' over me. Weary miles ahead 'til I get home, still I'm safely kept before the throne. Lord, I believe angels are watchin' over me. Well, I've walked the barren wilderness where my pillow was a stone and I've been through the darkest caverns where no light has ever shone. Still I went on 'cause there was someone who was down on their knees, and I thank the Lord for people praying all this time for me. Somebody's prayin'...

SERMON	"When Words Fail"	Rev. Sue Trigger

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SINGING

"The Lord's Prayer"

arr. Al Openheimer

Congregation: This is a Call & Response song which means a Soloist will sing the Call & We will Respond by repeating what she just sang.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING OUT

"Go, Now in Peace" Linda Dover, organist by Natalie Sleeth