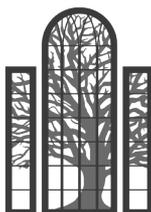




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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

We worship today gathered in Spirit, realizing perhaps more than ever the nature of the body of Christ. We gather as a resurrection people even in our time of loss and uncertainty. As we gather may we be strengthened by the Spirit who knows no boundaries.

As you prepare for worship together you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.

PRELUDE

The Fool Says There is no God

Johann Pachelbel

Selected Organ Works. Basel: Barenreiter Kassel, 1950

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Patti Snyder

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We come together today, even though we are apart.

We come together today to confess and ask forgiveness.

We come together today to sing and to pray.

We come together today to remember.

We come together today to give thanks.

We come together today to worship God.

*HYMN No. 722 vs. 1,4,5

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amybeth Mainord

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Spring of Wisdom,

We confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed you.

**We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace,
and stumble into the arms of the world.**

**We fire off words that find no rest
until they pierce another's heart.**

**We ignore the worlds that our words create,
pretending that it is only sticks and stones that can do harm.**

Forgive us God.

**Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's
parched spirit; give us silence to hear the wise words of others.**

**Help us know when to speak and when to listen;
when to stand in quiet witness and when to shout.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Even when words fail us, God, we know that you will not.

With hope and honesty we pray,

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

With gentleness, God speaks to us;

with graciousness, God forgives us;

with joy, God embraces us.

With our lips, we praise God;

with our words, we thank God;

with our silence, we find God

in our hearts. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (*sung through one time*)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

You are the Christ, giver of mercy.

You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amybeth Mainord

Holy God,
still our tongues that we may not speak but listen.
Still our restless spirits that we may be able to hear.
Still our wandering minds that we may take in your word.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

James 3:1-12

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 693

Though I May Speak

OFFERING OF GIFTS

During this time you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Please remember your family, neighbors, the wider community, and the church in your offering. Although many things are shifting, please continue to honor previous commitments to the best of your ability.

If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available via the GIVE tab on our website (www.upcbr.org) or by texting “upcbr (space) and then the number of dollars” to 73256.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God of us all,

With little you can do much.

With much you can do even more.

**Take all that we have given and all that you have given us,
and use it to continue your work in this world.**

We entrust our gifts and our lives to you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with God.

Alleluia and Amen.

POSTLUDE

Take up Your Cross

Donald Bussarow

All Praise to you, Eternal God. Minneapolis:

Augsburg Publishing House, 1980

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