

Worship Outline

November 17, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God
Wilson

Introit

This Is the Day
Fontana

+Call to Worship - Liturgist and Pastor

Reader 1: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

Reader 2: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

Reader 1: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

Reader 2: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

Reader 1: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship
the God of all creation!

+Invocation

Let us pray...

Our loving and caring God,
we need this time together
to be united with our sisters and brothers
in the faith;
we need this time of worship
to be comforted and strengthened
in your presence.
We hear of wars and rumors of wars.
We read of persecution and oppression.
Remind us again of your vision,
that all might live in a world
of peace and justice and love.
May this time together
imprint this vision and promise on our hearts,
that we may live into this beloved community. Amen.

+Hymn 26

Earth and All Stars

Unison Prayer of Confession

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people
so many years ago
he assures us now that God is our salvation.
It is because of that confidence,
because of that promise,
that we dare approach God with our confession.

**O God, we are more like the vision in Luke
than the vision of Isaiah.
We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere,
yet despair of ever stopping them.**

**We see oppression and injustice and persecution,
but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest.**

We have become a pessimistic people.

Help us believe—really believe—

in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kin-dom,

in your promise of a new heaven and new earth.

Let your cry be our cry:

“They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain.”

Silence is kept.

Assurance

The prophet Isaiah assures us:

God is building a new heaven and a new earth;
the former things will not be remembered
nor come to mind.

Forgiven and freed,
rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you,
in me, in all creation.

Welcome and the Peace

Church family, we are part of the new heaven and new earth. In God’s love
we can reach across the differences that divide us. Greet one another in this
spirit of reconciliation and peace.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Song 582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem
God

Thanks Be To

Pote
Chancel Choir
Martha Keeley, flute

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Let us pray...

God of all creation
quiet in us any voice but your own,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear,
and in hearing we might believe,
and in believing we might act,
making way for your new creation. Amen.

A reading from the prophet, Isaiah. Let us listen for God's word.

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. 24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 373

O Day of Peace

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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.

Choral Prayer Response

Listen, Lord

Bell

Offering

Invitation

In a world filled with blessings
we celebrate our privilege and our responsibility
to share those blessings.
Let us celebrate the God of overwhelming blessings
by continuing our worship
through the offering of our tithes and gifts.

Offertory

In That Heaven On High

Moore

+Doxology 709

**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.**

+Dedication

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox,
we give thanks for these gifts
and pray they might be agents of your peace.
May they serve your creation
as we seek your new heaven and new earth.
Help us take these gifts out into a world
filled with distress and calm it.
Help us take these gifts out into a world
filled with pain and heal it.
Help us take these gifts out into a world
filled with silence and speak up;
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 372

O for a World

+Benediction and Blessing

+Congregational Benediction 549

***May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.***

Postlude

Postlude for a Full Organ

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