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***Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ Order of Worship  
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WELCOME and tech adjustments

GREETING THE DAY

Janice Roggenkamp

Neither I nor the poets I love have found the keys to the kingdom of prayer and we cannot force  
God to stumble over us where we sit.  
But I know that it's a good idea to sit anyway.  
So every morning, I kneel, waiting,  
making friends with the habit of listening, hoping that I'm being listened to.  
There, I greet God in my own disorder. I say hello to my chaos, my unmade decisions, my  
unmade bed, my desire and my trouble.  
I say hello to distraction and privilege,  
I greet the day and I greet my beloved and bewildering Jesus.  
I and greet my burdens, my luck, my controlled and uncontrollable story.  
I greet my untold stories, my unfolding story, my unloved body, my own body.  
I greet the things I think will happen and I say hello to everything I do not know about the day.  
I greet my own small world and I hope that I can meet the bigger world that day.  
I greet my story and hope that I can forget my story during the day, and hope that I can hear  
some stories, and greet some surprising stories during the long day ahead.  
I greet God, and I greet the God who is more God than the God I greet.  
Hello to you all, I say, as the sun rises above the chimneys of North Belfast.  
Hello.

Pádraig Ó Tuama, *In the Shelter*

CENTERING MUSIC

Lily Breshears

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lee Burleson  
and Ethelyn Pankratz

Today is a day of joy.

**May our eyes be clear to see it.**

Today is a day of meaning.

**May our minds be open to receive it.**

Today is a day of growth and sharing.

**May our courage be up to the challenge.**

**This is the day our God has made –  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

SONG

Be Now My Vision

Ian Timmons

(Our various internet speeds prevent us from singing together so please keep your zoom connection muted, as you join along at home as Ian leads us in song.)

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;  
nothing surpasses the love you impart  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.*

*Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
ever within me, my soul is assured.  
Mother and Father, you are both to me,  
now and forever your child I will be.*

*Riches I heed not, nor life's empty praise,  
you, my inheritance, now and always.  
You and you only are first in my heart,  
great God, my treasure, may we never part.*

LIBERATING WORD

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

Ethelyn Pankratz

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

REFLECTION

“The Man Who Planted Trees”  
A short story by Jean Giono

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The PRAYER OF JESUS

Lee Burluson  
and Ian Timmons

*Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.*

*Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.*

*Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.*

Please feel free to unmute your zoom connection and share your joys and concerns

**Our father, our Mother, in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Carry the Light

Ian Timmons

*We have all witnessed Your presence. We have received your grace.  
We give you honor and glory, for moving in this place.  
Now we go out to share the Good News.  
Now we go out to share Your love.  
Now we go out to share the Good News.  
Now we go out to share Your love.*

*Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light to all the earth!  
Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!*

BLESSING

Janice Roggenkamp

May the beauty of God be reflected in our eyes,

**and the love of God be reflected in our hands.**

May the wisdom of God be reflected in our words,

**and the peace of God flow from our hearts.**

And may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit  
be with us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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