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***Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ Order of Worship  
July 19, 2020***

WELCOME, announcements and tech adjustments

GATHERING MUSIC

Please be muted

Breathe deeply as we center our hearts and minds for worship

Lily Breshears

CALL TO AWARENESS

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

**Let there be compassion heard in the  
words we speak, and love in the songs we sing.**

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

**Let there be joy in our coming together.**

SONG

Love Has Come

Ian Timmons

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

***With one voice the angels sing, songs that make creation ring.***

***Prophets hear and call us to live in spirit and in truth.***

***Word of God, enthroned, dwell in us forevermore.***

***Love has come to show the way.***

***Hallelujah, peace be with us.***

***Love has come to show the way.***

*God, Creator, Elohim, voice of thunder, spirit, wind:  
breathe on me your very life; grace will make the shadows bright.  
Word of God, enthroned, dwell in us forevermore.  
Love has come to show the way.  
Hallelujah, peace be with us.  
Love has come to show the way.*

PRAYER OF UNBURDENING

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

SILENCE

SUNG RESPONSE

*God of covenant, divine, lead us to the end of time,  
beyond sorrow, beyond fear, beyond pride and earthen tears.  
Word of God, enthroned, dwell in us forevermore.  
Love has come to show the way.  
Hallelujah, peace be with us.  
Love has come to show the way.*

LIBERATING WORD

Ancient Testimony  
Genesis 28:10-19a

Adair Law

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac;

the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place — and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz.

Gospel Testimony  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

REFLECTION

Pastor Jeanne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The PRAYER OF JESUS

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

Ian Timmons

*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.**

SENDING SONG

You Are the Seed

Ian Timmons

*You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
you're a star that will shine through the day;  
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt,  
a beacon to glow in the night.  
Go my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,  
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.*

*You are the dawn that will bring a new day;  
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,  
My witnesses where'er you go.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, til the end of the world."*

BLESSING

God's spirit is always with you.

**Wherever we go, God is there!**

If you ascend to heaven,

**God is there.**

If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**God is there.**

**In all places, God holds us fast.**

May you know deeply the presence of God:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen!