



Gentle me,
Holy One,
into an unclenched moment,
a deep breath,
a letting go
of heavy expectancies,
of shriveling anxieties,
of dead certainties,
that, softened by the silence,
surrounded by the light,
and open to the mystery,
I may be found by wholeness,
upheld by the unfathomable,
entranced by the simple,
and filled with the joy
that is you.

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Kairos-Milwaukie UCC Order of Worship

June 14, 2020

WELCOME, and tech adjustments

CENTERING MUSIC

Please be muted
light a candle
breathe

Kathy Walden

OPENING PRAYER

**Come, O Creator, Immensity of love, Eternity of mercy.
Come, and be with us and in us, beside us and over us.
Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining.
Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring.
Be as strength beside us and shape our lives for justice.
Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken,
and make your Word and your way come alive in our lives. Amen.**

SONG

“Praise to the Living God”

***Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight.
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature making all a cosmic unity.***

Lily Breshears

*Praise to the Living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O source and Goal of life.*

PRAYER OF UNBURDENING

LIBERATING WORD

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Joy Watson

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?"

The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me."

And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

REFLECTION

A Long Faithfulness in the Same Direction

Pastor Jeanne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The PRAYER OF JESUS

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

Lily Breshears

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.

Sharing our 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.

BLESSING OUR OFFERINGS

**Holy One, accept the gifts we've offered, and multiply them
so that the wonder of your love, the power of your justice and the depth of your peace
may be known throughout the world.**

BLESSING

*Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.
Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives, I give to you,
not as the world gives, I give to you.
Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.*

*Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you.
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