



***Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ Order of Worship  
August 9, 2020***

WELCOME and tech adjustments

CENTERING MUSIC

Please be muted, as we center our hearts and minds for worship

Lily Breshears

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who follow in the way of Jesus.

**Happy are those who search for God whole-heartedly.**

God calls us to walk boldly.

**God calls on us to be faithful.**

Let us live by God's commandments.

**Then we will keep an eye on the things that matter.**

Let us praise God with faithful hearts.

**Then we will stay connected to God.**

Keep faith with God!

**We hold onto God's word and God's way!**

SONG

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Ian Timmons

(Even though our various internet speeds require us to stay muted, we hope you will join in singing)

*O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them, from angels in the air:  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
of Jesus birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.*

*O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,  
of One who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still:  
For though, like waves on Galilee, rough seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Savior's word, fall peace upon the soul.*

PRAYER OF UNBURDENING

LIBERATING WORD

Matthew 14:22-33

Lee Burluson

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying,

"Truly you are the Son of God."

REFLECTION

Take Heart

Pastor Jeanne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The PRAYER OF JESUS

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

*God empower me to be a witness for you, acting boldly, in your name;  
seeking justice, where there is hurting offering hope where there is pain.*

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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ's invitation then and now is simple — sit down where you are.

You don't need to run off somewhere else —  
not a nearby village market or a familiar sanctuary,  
communion is where you are — sit down.

The disciples complained — it is a deserted place and the hour is late.  
Jesus said, "Don't send them away – feed them."

No one needs to go away.  
No one is deserted and no one is late —  
not you who are alone,  
because you are vulnerable to virus;  
not you who would feel alone even if crowds were allowed right now,  
because something has made your life a wilderness.

Jesus has compassion on every crowd,  
healing hurts and hungers, one by one by one.

Here is green grass, he said.  
Here is someone to help you sit down,  
someone to help you stand up again,  
and someone to bless Communion so it will be enough,  
Sit down right where you are.

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

In the story about feeding a multitude, Jesus asked that people bring to him what they had. We have done that today. I invite you, in your many kitchens and living rooms, to rest your hands lightly upon the elements set aside for this day's sacrament. Together we will ask God's blessing on them, to make them enough -- to make them abundant to our needs and for all those who are in our prayers this morning.

**God of compassion, with your blessing our scarcity becomes enough, and enough becomes abundance. We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon each loaf of bread, each prepared cup, that they may feed the inmost need of each child of God and pour forth a grace that can change the world.**

**Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Amen.**

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

We remember that the Creator blessed all creatures and all human beings with plants of the ground and fruit of the trees for food.  
We remember that Jesus ate and drank with his friends and followers  
With those who believed in him and those who challenged him --  
with pharisees and tax collectors, men and women,  
around small tables in private homes,  
and on hillsides with thousands listening for his every word.  
We remember the last meal Jesus ate with his friends in Jerusalem  
when Jesus expanded the menu to include his very self.  
We remember a half-Communion of bread broken at Emmaus,  
and we still seek the Cup in the world:  
miracles of abundance and generosity where the world sees only scarcity,  
communities of unconditional love for hearts that have only known judgement.  
Remembering is beautiful, but there is not much taste in it.  
Jesus calls us from the past, and calls us right now in this very moment  
"Do this .... Eat and Drink. Be blessed. Go forth."

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Let us at our many tables receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**We become the Body of Christ in the Bread we share.**

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**We are one in Christ in the Cup we share.**

## MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy One, we have come to you with our weariness, our eagerness to follow, and our uncertainty about how to keep walking in the storm. Centered in you, we are renewed. Give us wisdom to keep our eyes on you, and the compassion and joyful courage to reach out when others have lost the sight of you. Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

Draw the Circle Wide

Ian Timmons

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let be our song, no one stands alone,  
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

*God the still point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever in God's gracious arms.  
Draw the circle wide...*

*Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.  
Draw the circle wide...*

*Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open ev'ry door.  
Draw the circle wide...*

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COFFEE HOUR

Today's communion service was adapted from a liturgy written by Maren C. Tirabassi, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/>

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