



Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ

In the Valley of the Shadow, Unafraid

Order of Worship
May 3, 2020

On ZOOM
Meeting ID: 984 869 259
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Join by phone:
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WELCOME

Announcements and tech adjustments.

GATHERING MUSIC

Please be muted
light a candle
breathe.

Lilly Breshears

CALL TO WORSHIP

The 23rd Psalm

Kathy Jones

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.



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You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

ANTHEM

Shelter Me by Fr. Michael Joncas

Ian Timmons
& Colin Shepard

PRAYER OF UNBURDENING

THE LIBERATING WORD

Ancient Testimony in a
Modern Translation
The 23rd Psalm (The Message)

Pastor Jeanne

God, my shepherd!
I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

⁴ Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,
I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.

⁵ You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.

⁶ Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of God
for the rest of my life.



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THE LIBERATING WORD

Gospel Testimony

Pastor Jeanne

John 10: 1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

REFLECTION

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Prayer Song

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.

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.

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



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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION INVITATION

For Holy Communion this morning, we are once again invited to lend Christ our everyday kitchen and dining room and coffee tables.

We remember how in his ministry Jesus borrowed bread and fish from a child to feed a crowd on the hillside. How on the first day of the week we know as holy he asked to borrow a donkey,

We remember how on the Thursday that followed, Jesus borrowed the upper room that belonged to John Mark's mother, a space where he could celebrate the Passover with his friends.

And we remember that on the afternoon of the resurrection, Jesus was invited into a house in Emmaus and used the bread of that hospitality to break and bless.

Now, for this day, lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup, and your heart, for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey, "The Lord has need of it."

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing. Though we are many throughout the earth and this church community is scattered, we are one in Christ.

In your many kitchens, and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

**Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing and no quarantine on grace.
Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing
upon every table where one of your children shelters in place,
that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love
and this Cup poured out to give hope to all.
Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.**

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Leader: We remember that Paul the apostle wrote letters to congregations spread far and wide across the ancient world ... "remote" worship resources for small groups in their separate places. These are the words Paul wrote to the church at Corinth:



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For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

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

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

All: Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your loving presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen

BLESSING

Pastor Jeanne

SENDING SONG

There's Bread for the Journey

Ian Timmons
& Kathy Walden

There's bread for the journey and friends for the way.
There's hope for tomorrow and love for today.
The cup of forgiveness, all blessings release, to heal and renew us and bring us God's peace.
O Holy Spirit, bind us together, now. O Holy Spirit, bring us your peace.



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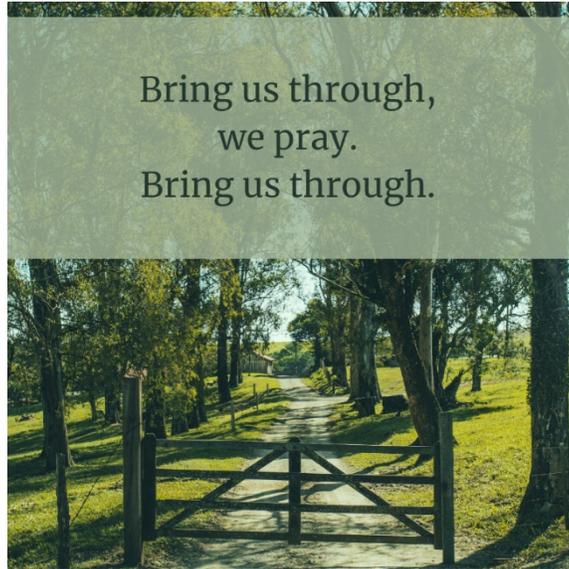


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