



# Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ

## Why Do You Stand Looking Up at an Empty Sky



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## Order of Worship May 24, 2020

**On ZOOM:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/984869259?pwd=YzQ0MEpRZXdYdE5JWDZ2SUYvZXc3UT09>

Meeting ID: 984 869 259

Password: 314810

**Join by phone:**

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**WELCOME**

Announcements and tech adjustments.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Please be muted. Light a candle. Breathe.

Lily Breshears

**OPENING PRAYER\***

**Great and loving God, we who come to worship are the very ones who sometimes wonder if you have abandoned us, left us to fend for ourselves. We rely upon your ever-presence, and in the same breath, suspect your absence.**



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**Encourage us, O God, when we cannot find you.**

**As we gather here, across space but together in time, give us the gifts of vision and hope.**

**Enable us to recognize your workings in the commonplace and the everyday, in the extraordinary and once in a lifetime.**

**Open our hearts Lord, unblock our minds, that we may perceive what is and what, by your grace, may yet be. In the spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

“Alleluia! Gracious Jesus”

Ian Timmons

Our various internet speeds prevent us from singing together, so please remember to stay muted on zoom. Also, please delight your housemates by singing along with gusto.

***Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.***

***Alleluia! You are near us; faith believes nor questions how.***

***Though the clouds from sight received you when the forty days were o'er,***

***Shal our hearts forget your promise, “I am with you ever more.”***

PRAYER OF UNBURDENING

LIBERATING WORD

John 17: 1 – 11

17<sup>1-5</sup> Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said:

Father, it's time.

Display the bright splendor of your Son

So the Son in turn may show your bright splendor.

You put him in charge of everything human

So he might give real and eternal life to all in his charge.

And this is the real and eternal life:

That they know you,

The one true God,

And Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

I glorified you on earth

By completing down to the last detail

What you assigned me to do.

And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor,

The very splendor I had in your presence

Before there was a world.

I spelled out your character in detail

To the men and women you gave me.

They were yours in the first place;

Then you gave them to me,

And they have now done what you said.



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They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt,  
That everything you gave me is firsthand from you,  
For the message you gave me, I gave them;  
And they took it, and were convinced  
That I came from you.  
They believed that you sent me.  
I pray for them.  
I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world  
But for those you gave me,  
For they are yours by right.  
Everything mine is yours, and yours mine,  
And my life is on display in them.  
For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world;  
They'll continue in the world  
While I return to you.  
Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life  
That you conferred as a gift through me,  
So they can be one heart and mind.

**ANTHEM**

**Born of God, Eternal Savior**

**Ian Timmons**

Born of God, Eternal Savior, source of life, of truth and grace,  
Human One, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race,  
Come again, in all your glory; come to us, inspire and lead;  
Fill us with your loving-kindness; heal our wrongs, and help our need.

Christ as you have lived for others, so may we for others live,  
Freely have your gifts been granted, freely may your servants give.  
All the wealth that we may gather is for use in cause just.  
We are stewards of the bounty loaned to us in solemn trust.

See the Christ-like host advancing, high and lowly, great and small,  
Linked in bonds of common service, answering the Savior's call.  
Jesus Christ, we hear your pleading that your people should be one.  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: here on earth, your will be done.

**LIBERATING WORD**

Acts 1: 6-14 (The Message)

When they were together for the last time they asked, "Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?"



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He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans! —why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.”

REFLECTION                      Why Do You Stand Looking Up at an Empty Sky                      Pastor Jeanne

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song:

**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.**

Sharing of joys and concerns....

The Prayer of Jesus:

**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

Pastor Jeanne

SENDING SONG

Let it Shine

Ian Timmons

**Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way;  
Let it shine, let it shine, and how us peace today.**

**The Church bears witness to God’s grace, its mission crystal clear:  
To show the world God’s human face, a world that God holds dear.**



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**Let is shine....**

**When love replaces human greed, a lasting peace will come  
As hands reach out to human need from hearts no longer numb.**

**Let is shine...**

**Now let us give ourselves to God within this war-torn world,  
And work till justice walks abroad with flags of peace unfurled.**

**Let is shine...**

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