

Welcome to Zion & St. Andrew's United Churches
Online Worship Service



God Comforts as a Mother Comforts Her Child

“But don't be distracted by a mansion in the sky promise.”

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Approach to God

Before the service, meditate and speak to God.
During the service let God speak to you.
After the service talk to each other
and the wider community about God.

Keys †

Words printed in **ALL caps & bold**
are spoken or sung by everyone.
**At places marked †, you are invited
to stand as you are able.**

Functionaries

Lighting the Candles

The Glanfield Family
(Joan, Allison, Kiernan)

On Piano

Leona Harrison

Singers

Elaine Nielson
Franklyn James

Pastoral Prayer

Nikita Blumhagen

Scripture Reader

Eleanor Kiefer

The links for Sunday worship service. It will premiere at 9:30 AM Pacific Time on YouTube @ <https://youtu.be/Qir0zG7Fd7I>



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: MV #79 Spirit open my heart

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WELCOME & NOTICES



CANDLE LIGHTING

Welcoming God, accept this burning candle as a sign of our faith and love for you.

Like this candle, we are ready to be your light of love, compassion and acceptance in our world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and know that God is good!

People: We come seeking God's shelter.

One: Come and know God's mercy.

People: We come seeking wholeness and God's peace.

One: Come and abide in God's steadfast love.

ALL: Receive us as we are, as we come to worship you, o God.

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OPENING HYMN: VU #320 Mothering God, you gave me birth

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OPENING PRAYER

*God of Unity and Diversity,
We pray in gratitude for our mothers
and all those who are mothering in a variety of ways,
nourishing and guiding others grow.
Today, we asked that you grant to all those mothering
the strength and the courage they need
to face the uncertain future mothering always brings.
As we have been comforted and held together
as a family by a mother's love, so you comforted us O, God.
And so we acknowledge your presence
in our midst as we rejoice in being loved
and ask that grant us your spirit of unity
and peace as we worship your holy name
with the community of saints worldwide. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of mercy,
We confess that we do not trust you with our lives.
We hurt others with our words and with our silence.
With our deeds and our inactions.
We block out your still-speaking word
with business and traditions. Forgive us.
Open our hearts to know and follow in your way,
today and all the days of our lives. Amen*

ASSURANCE

Beloved of God,
Hear the god news. God forgives us.
God calls us home to abide in the shelter
and nurture of God's faithful love,
now and always. Praise God.

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- Scripture Reading - Isaiah 66: 12-13 & John 14:1-14
- Reflection – Rev. Franklyn James

HYMN: MV #89 Love Is the Touch

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Each time I pause in the prayer, you are being invited to name those persons, situations you can think of...

Merciful God, who shelters us and guides us, we give you thanks for.....

God who comforts, receive those who are fearful and lonely.....

God whose love is steadfast, be refuge for the ill, the dying, and those who care about them.....

God of righteousness, we asked for your wisdom and ways of justice to prevail in our communities, this nation, your world.....

God who seeks our trust, grow us and guide us in your ways that are life giving in your world

And hear us as we pray as Jesus taught his disciples then and us now.....

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

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HYMN: VU #269 The care the eagle gives her young

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BENEDICTION

One: Praise God who loves us.

People: Praise God who cares.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:

May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:

May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.

*May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.*

DOXOLOGY: MV #191 What can I do?

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Thank you to all who participated in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly bless

Remember, for those we are unable to connect with any reason; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that requires physical contact are suspended until further notice.

Those of you who are on PAR, and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you. You can also e-transfer your gift and offerings to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com

We are always happy to hear your comments and queries. If you have prayer request you may use the messenger tab here or email them to standrewsenderby@hotmail.com

Reflection

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