



Love is patient.
Love is kind.
It does not envy
or boast.
It is not proud,
rude, or self-seeking.
It is not *easily* angry
and keeps no record
of past mistakes.
It does not delight
in evil.
It rejoices in the tur
truth.

We Sing of Your Love

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APPROACHED 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 with the “†,” you are invited to stand, as you are able.

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Order of Worship

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY AND RECONCILIATION

As we gather today, we recognize that the first peoples lived here for countless generations before we did. We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional lands of the Splots'in First Nation, and we celebrate their faithful stewardship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

GATHERING SONG: How Good, Lord, to be Here VU #103

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night (sky);
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail your body glorified
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 137 and 50:1-6)

All: From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

One: Our God comes and will not be silent;

**All: He summons the heavens above consecrated and
gather us to him in a covenant of love.**

One: No more will we say we cannot sing our praise to God
because we are in a strange land. We are pilgrims on a
journey as Christ was a pilgrim on his journey.

**All: Although, we weep because of oppressions and
injustices in our lands;**

One: With musical instruments, we will make music calling
for justice for all, and with our voices sing songs of love.

Come, let us beacon a new day as we worship God who meets us where we are now.

OPENING PRAYER

God of transformation and love;

Thank you for who you are, a God who is the author of transformation and new life.

Let your presence infused this worship experience and bring about a change in your creation.

May your glory transfigure us as it did Moses on Mount Sinai and Jesus on the mountain with Moses and Elijah. We ask that as we are reformed in your presence, we will work towards the transformation of all creation. Wherever there is hate, we will be your love; where there is oppression, we will work for liberation; where there is inequality, we will work for equity and justice; and where there is war, we will work for peace. Let this work begin here in our worship and impact every aspect creation. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Psalm 133

HYMN 1: Would You Bless Our Homes and Families VU#556

Would you bless our homes and families,

Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.

Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.

When our way is anxious walking

and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

SOLO 1: Blest Be the Tie That Binds VU #602

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of hearts and minds
is like to that above.

Before the Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.

SECOND READING: John 15: 9-15

SOLO 2: Ka mana' o 'I'O MV #103

*Kamana'o 'I'O o ko kakou Akua.
Faithful, faithful is our God.
Kamana'o 'I'O o ko kakou Akua.
Faithful, faithful is our God.*

In love there is no one more faithful than our God,
Who brings the light into our darkness.
The God who shares the breath of life with you and me,
All living things upon the earth.

In quiet moments God whispers tenderly
The mystery of unending love.
For God is good, and holds us as we sleep,
To wake us to the morning light.

The mercy of our God we seek to share each day,
To help each other on our way,
To be God's hands and heart with tenderness and care.
God's faithfulness is always there.

When we share love, we share respect and care,
The gifts and bonds of human kindness.
And in our journey, may love lead the way.
To be God's living, sing this day.

HYMN 2: There is Room for All (x 3) MV #62

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"my refuge and my rock in whom I trust."
There is room for all,
There is room for all.

THIRD READING: 1 John 4:7-12,18-21

HYMN 3: I've Got Peace Like a River VU#577

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in a my soul

HYMN 4: O Ancient Love VU #17

O ancient love, processing through the ages:
O hidden love, revealed in human form:
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger:
O lowly love, that knows the mighty's scorn:
O hungry love, that lay within a manger:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow:
O tender love, that comforts those forlorn:
O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O suff'ring love, that bears our human weakness:
O boundless love, that rises with the morn:
O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Joan Glanfield

HYMN 5: Don't be afraid MV #90

Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger,
My love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger
And I have promised,
Promise to be always near.

SOLO 3: Eagle's Wings VU, p. 808

You who dwell in the shelter of our God
Who abide in this shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And I will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand."

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear
Under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield

And I will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

And I will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

For to God's angels is given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And I will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

And hold you in the palm of my hand."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

▪ LIGHT A CANDLE FOR JOY, CONCERN OR REQUESTED PRAYER

At each long pause our, you are invited to offer a prayer of joys, concerns or requested prayers.

Holy and loving God - whose nature and ways are far beyond our understanding, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus - who lets us see your face in his, who shows us your love in his actions, your grace in his manner of being. In him too, O God, we see ourselves as you would have us be and as your power is able to make us. Make us more like him now we pray...

All: Lord hear our prayer.....

Lord - we often find ourselves weary, tired out by a load of care, a heap of responsibility and concern. We hunger and thirst, and often fail to stop to eat and drink at the table you have prepared for us. We are here now - and we ask you - grant us a glimpse of your glory - fill us with your spirit - refresh us and make us new ...

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray that your glory may fill your church and give to your people everywhere the energy to shine wherever there is darkness, disunity, persecution, or despair...

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Parenting God, we pray for those we named in our sharing time and for all those whose names are upon our hearts. Grant to them health and wholeness, peace and joy, strength and hope. We remember before you:

(intercessions and petitions as shared in sharing time)

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Give us all, O Lord, a greater love of your holiness, a greater delight in your mystery, and a greater joy in seeking your presence. We ask it through Christ Jesus, who revealed your will to us and who taught us to pray to you as one family, saying **Our Father.... Amen**

SPECIAL SELECTION: Lindsay Lundquist

FOURTH READING: 1 Corinthian 13:1-8

HYMN 6: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV #138

My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find;
And takes me into places where I've never been before,
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain

*We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. Refrain

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun come in and shine,
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. Refrain

SOLO: Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain:

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back. Refrain

END NOTE: Franklyn James

I Dream a World

*I dream a world where a person no other will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth and peace its paths
adorn*

*I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's
way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice
blights our day.*

*A world I dream where black or white, whatever race
you be,*

*Will share the bounties of the earth and every person
is free,*

*Where wretchedness will hang its head
and joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of all
humanity-*

Of such I dream, my world!

-By Langston Hughes

CLOSING HYMN: Dreaming Mary MV #134

There was a child in Galilee
who wandered wild along the sea.
A holy child, alone was she,
and they called her Dreaming Mary.
And she dreamed, rejoicing in her saviour;
she dreamed of justice for the poor.
She dreamed that kings oppressed no more
when she dreamed, that Dreaming Mary.

One holy day an angel came with voice of wind
and eyes of flame.
He promised blessed would be her name,
when he spoke to Dreaming Mary.
Then she spoke, rejoicing in her saviour.
She spoke of justice for the poor.
She spoke that kings oppressed no more
when she spoke, that Dreaming Mary.

And did she dream about a son?
And did he speak, the angel one?
We only know God's will was done,
in the son of Dreaming Mary.
Then she prayed, rejoicing in her saviour.
She taught him justice for the poor.
She taught that kings oppressed no more
when she taught, that Dreaming Mary.

Then Jesus grew in Galilee,
they wandered wild along the sea.
Now he calls to you and me to dream
with Dreaming Mary.
And we dream, rejoicing in our saviour.
We dream of justice for the poor.
We dream that kings oppress no more
as we dream with Dreaming Mary.

THANK YOU & BLESSING

One: Go now with confidence in a steadfast God whose love is able to transform and make all things new. There is no other word you need to here than these words, you are fashioned in the image and likeness of a transformational God who uphold justice and love without discrimination. So, let us give of this love, not just in words, but in truth and action. Let us uphold justice, not just for ourselves but everyone. Amen.

DOXOLOGY: It Only Takes a Spark VU # 289

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You spread God's love to everyone,
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing,
The flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it:
You want to sing it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found
On God you can depend,
It matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on



THANK YOUS & CREDITS

Thank you for participating in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.

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 require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

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