

# WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, JUNE 21

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

We're thinking about home these days: about our souls as homes, like Teresa of Avila suggests in her writing, *The Interior Castle*, and also of the homes we grew up in and the ones we inhabit today. All of these places have much to teach us, and maybe, if we believe Teresa, more to explore than we might at first imagine. In the passage of hers we're looking at for today, she offers some advice on "how to enter in." You might set your space with symbols of entry or welcome: keys, some flowers or a small wreath, a picture of a door... We'll also invite you to respond to a journal prompt after the sermon, so have some paper and writing utensils handy for that. And it's Father's Day, so a picture with a special memory might just be a nice touch. AND we're welcoming new members, so be ready to celebrate!

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Keiko Andress, piano

Welcome & Greeting One Another – Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: *I Will Enter the Gates* - Jesse Cromer & Worship Team

*I will enter the gates with thanksgiving in my heart,*

*I will enter the courts with praise.*

*I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."*

*I will rejoice for you have made me glad.*

*You have made me glad, You have made me glad,*

*I will rejoice for You have made me glad.*

*You have made me glad, You have made me glad,*

*I will rejoice for You have made me glad.*

*(Repeat all)*

**Gathering Prayer &  
Communal Prayer** *from Sarah Dylan Breuer*

Loving Creator, we honor you, and we honor all that you have made. Renew the whole world in the image of your love. Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed. Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past; give us courage to follow your call in this moment. For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need, in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

**Children's Story – Sean P. Williams**

*Because I Had a Teacher* by Kobi Yamada

**Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:5-13 – Anna Shida**

*“Your faith rests not on human wisdom, but on the power of God. There is a certain wisdom we express among the spiritually mature. It is not a wisdom of this age, however, nor of the rulers of this age... No, what we utter is God’s wisdom: a mysterious, hidden wisdom... Of God’s wisdom it is written: ‘eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on anyone what God has prepared for those who love God.’ Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. She searches out all things, even the deep things of God. After all, no one knows one’s thoughts, except one’s own inner spirit; by the same token, no one knows God’s thoughts except God’s Spirit. We haven’t received the spirit of the world but the Spirit of God, so that we can understand what God has freely given us. And this is precisely what we talk about - not using words taught us by human wisdom, but words taught by the Spirit.”*

**Sermon – “The Gates of Entry”**

**Journal Reflection**

**Response Song: *How Deep the Silence of the Soul* (509)**

*How deep the silence of the soul that lives within your grace.  
How full the gratitude of heart in your abiding place.*

*What rich serenity is found, what courage and release,  
when wisdom teaches us to seek the gentle path to peace.*

*Like unseen chimes on moving air, like warm and morning sun,  
like gladdening, greening, growing things, like trees with blooms begun:*

*such is your presence in our lives, you touch without a trace,  
until we turn and find ourselves held fast in your embrace.*

### **“What I Learned at Home” Testimony – Tim Craig**

**Offertory - *Father and Son* by Cat Stevens**

**Jesse Cromer, Dave Ferry, Keiko Andress, Sean P. Williams**

### **Closing Words**

**Welcoming New Members:**

**Malachi Nelson, Laura Sutherland, Linus Sutherland, Scott Sutherland**

#### An Affirmation by the Congregation

We, the members of this church, receive you joyfully. We honor your journey and we give thanks for all those who have nurtured your faith. We celebrate your presence here and we welcome you in the name of Christ.

#### A Covenant Between Us

As members, we promise our faithful companionship to one another as together we seek to understand and live out the compassion we see in Christ's life. We will gently challenge each other, allowing ourselves and our community to be shaped and transformed by God's love for us and our love for each other. We will draw strength from each other as we strive together to live faithfully and love generously.

#### Unison Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for Malachi, Laura, Linus, and Scott, who have come into this fellowship; we celebrate their spirit and their gifts. We thank you that you welcome us all to sit at your table, that you call us all to do your work, that you shelter us all in the covenant of your peace. Shape us evermore into your beloved community, with room in our hearts to embrace one another and all the world. Amen.

### **Going Forth Song: Seek Ye First**

*Seek ye first the kindom of God and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you - Allelu, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you - Allelu, alleluia.*

### **Benediction**

Friends, ... and may the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Postlude**

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