

WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, JUNE 28

SETTING YOUR SPACE

We continue with Teresa of Avila this Sunday – we’re entering the Second Dwelling Place, where she begins a discussion about protecting the soul, and advises cultivating peace within as a way to help create peace outside, too. What evokes soulful peace for you? Consider adding a symbol of that to your worship space. It’s also a day we’re thinking about LGBTQ+ Pride – our Children’s Story is themed that way, and our Communal Prayer was originally written for a Pride worship service. Add some rainbows to your worship space! And, always, you’re encouraged to bring anything that helps you sense the Sacred, within and around you. Today’s Scripture uses water imagery – a cup nearby might help you enter into that hearing in a meaningful way. And we’ll continue with our journaling practice, so grab some paper and anything to write or sketch with for that reflection time.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another – Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: *As the Moon* - Jesse Cromer & Worship Team

As the moon pulls the ocean, so my soul is drawn to you.

Pull me closer as you circle -

I will rise and dance with you, and dance with you.

As the tide rocks the beaches, lifting sand as it rolls through,

lift us up into your dancing -

we will rise and dance with you, and dance with you.

As the sand shapes the shoreline, sculpting all the lands anew -

we will shape the world you're dreaming

dancing with the rising moon, the rising moon, the rising moon, the rising moon.

Gathering Prayer

& Communal Prayer *from Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta, Georgia*

Our Mother and Father, our Beloved Parent, in whom we move and breathe and have our being, the hallowing of your name shines forth in the diversity of your children. May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven. Grant that all might have their daily needs met - that all might find gainful employment without discrimination; that all might have access to medical care without fear; that all might have their rights and lives protected, and find a loving community to belong to and call their own. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed each other. Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged others' unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear – as we forgive those who might have failed us. Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Story – Sean P. Williams: *This Day in June* by Gayle E. Pitman

Scripture Reading: Psalm 42

“Like a stag, a doe, longing for streams of cool water, my whole being longs for you, my God. My soul aches with thirst for God, for a god that lives! When can I go and see God face to face? My only food, day or night, is my tears; they recriminate me: ‘Where is your God?’ they say.

These things I remember as I pour out my soul like water - how I'd go with the crowds and lead them into God's house, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, drunk with the dance of celebration.

‘Why so dispirited?’ I ask myself. ‘Why so churned up inside? Hope in God!’ I know I'll praise God once again, for you are my Deliverance; you are my God.

This is why my heart despairs: I remember other days with you, in the land of Jordan, on Mount Hermon and the Hill of Mizar. The primeval Deep is echoing in the sound of your waterfalls; your torrents rage and break over me, overwhelming me.

Every day, God, you ordain your love toward me, and during the night you bring me your song. In my prayers to the God of my life, I say to God, my rock: 'Why have you forgotten me? Why do you keep me in mourning, oppressed by an unseen enemy?' My bones are shattered by their words. Foes taunt me constantly: 'Where is your God?'

'Why so dispirited?' I ask myself. 'Why so churned up inside? Hope in God!' I know I'll praise God once again, for you are my Deliverance; you are my God."

Sermon – “Heeding the Warnings”

Journal Reflection

Response Song: *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of this mercy
as deep cries out to deep, we sing:
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of this mercy
as deep cries out to deep, we sing:
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

As deep cries out to deep, as deep cries out to deep, we sing:
Come, Lord Jesus, come. (repeat twice)

“What I Learned at Home” Testimony

Offertory: His Eye is On the Sparrow - Russell Mark

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *Peace Like a River* (NC #478)

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

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

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

I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor
I've got faith like an anchor in my soul
I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor
I've got faith like an anchor in my soul

Benediction

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Please join the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting following worship!

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