

WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, JULY 26

SETTING YOUR SPACE

We're still in the Fifth Dwelling Place of Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle* in this service – as you've probably noticed, things get more complicated the deeper we get into this dwelling, the closer we come to the center. Here, she's wanting to ask God for a lot... and she's wondering how much is too much. What could you bring to worship that evokes these themes for you? Something symbolic of a question you have? Something you'd asked for and not really expected to receive, but did? Maybe just a candle, that symbolizes so many of the prayers you've spoken; or a pen and paper, to make a list of more big dreams and fervent hopes and bold questions.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Geoff Clayton, pianist

Welcome & Greeting One Another – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: *By the Waking of Our Hearts* - Jesse Cromer & Worship Team

By the waking of our hearts, by the stirring of our souls,
may the Spirit of God abide, and bring us together in Christ.

Gathering Prayer &

Communal Prayer *by Christena Cleveland*

Our Father, Mother, who are in the world and surpass the world, blessed be your presence, in us, in animals and flowers, in still air and wind. May justice and peace dwell among us, as you come to us. Your will be our will; You will that we be sisters and brothers and siblings, as bread is bread, water is itself, for our hunger, for quenching of thirst. Forgive us. We sometimes walk crookedly in the world, are perverse, and fail our promise. But we would be human, if only you consent to stir up our hearts. Amen.

Children's Story – Sean P. Williams
Antiracist Baby by Ibram X. Kendi

Scripture: John 4:3-10

Jesus left Judea to return to Galilee. This meant he had to pass through Samaria. He stopped at Sychar, a town in Samaria, near the tract of land Jacob had given to his son Joseph, and Jacob's well was there. Jesus, weary from the journey, came and sat by the well. It was around noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions. The Samaritan woman replied, "You're a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" - since Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans.

Jesus answered, "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him for a drink instead, and he would have given you living water."

Sermon – "What We Can Ask For"

Journaling/Reflection Time

Response Song: *Salt and Light*

You make me want to be like you; Your holiness I will pursue;
I want the heart of Jesus.

Show me the meaning of your grace; I want to give the world a taste
of the love of Jesus.

Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.
Reveal your glory in my life.

'Cause I am not ashamed to lift up your holy name.
Make me salt, make me light.

You make me want to be like you; Your holiness I will pursue;
I want the heart of Jesus.

Show me the meaning of your grace; I want to give the world a taste
of the love of Jesus.

Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.
Reveal your glory in my life.

'Cause I am not ashamed to lift up your holy name.
Make me salt, make me light.

Set me as a city on a hill, a lamp on a stand.
Mold me in your image, the work of your hand.

Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.
Reveal your glory in my life.

'Cause I am not ashamed to lift up your holy name.
Make me salt, make me light.

“What I Learned at Home” Testimony – Jace Early

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *O For a World*

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Benediction

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

All: And also with you.

Amen.

Postlude

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