

WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Friends – after a summer making our way through the rooms of Teresa of Avila’s exquisite, complicated, soul-castle, winding our way through trials and visions and distractions and directions, always moving toward the center – today, we arrive! Today we set foot in the very center of this home, the seventh dwelling place, the place in our soul where God also makes a home. What could you bring to worship that would draw your thoughts toward sacred union, would help you meditate on the mystery and the promise that the divine dwells in you? Some ideas: Teresa likens this castle to a diamond – is there a gem you could bring to your worship space, and examine its cut and the ways the light bounces off of it? She also suggests that the point of union is like a fountain that flows effortlessly, always refilled from its source – could a cup of water nearby remind you of that metaphor? Maybe a photo of a place where you experience God’s presence in a real and meaningful way? Maybe a candle, to help you imagine the light that shines from within you? Or maybe you want your space unadorned – so your imagination is free to go where it will. Whatever you decide, we pray your experience in this service is one where you know God’s abundant love for you, making a home in you, and expressing itself in the world through you.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude - Muriel Dresser, organ

Morning prayer from Hansel and Gretel / Morning Has Broken,
by Engelbert Humperdinck et. al.

Welcome & Greeting One Another – Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: *How Firm a Foundation* NC #407 –

Jesse Cromer, Joel Kiff, Dave King, Heidi Leach, Muriel Dresser

How firm a foundation for you has been laid,

by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!

What more can God say than to you has been said,

to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,

for I am your God, and will still give you aid;

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand

upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
delivering you from your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have designed
your soul to make pure just as gold is refined."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Gathering Prayer

& Communal Prayer *by Parker Palmer*

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done, Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, Give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One.

Children's Story – Sean P. Williams

The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds

Scripture: John 14:15-21

"If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you'll see me, because I live, and you will live as well. On that day you'll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I, too, will love them and reveal myself to them."

Sermon – "Union & What Follows"

Time for Journaling & Reflection

Response Song: *O Holy Dove of God Descending NC #285*

O holy Dove of God descending, You are the love that knows no ending,
All of our shattered dreams you're mending: Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Wind of God now blowing, You are the seed that God is sowing,
You are the life that starts us growing: Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Rain of God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling,
You are the inner voice now calling: Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Flame of God now burning, You are the power of Christ returning,
You are the answer to our yearning: Spirit, now live in me.

“What I Learned at Home” Testimony – Malachi Nelson

Special Music – Jesse Cromer

“Home” from *The Wiz*

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling NC #43*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven on earth be found,
Fix us in a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion: pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never, never more your temples leave
You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,
Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms stretched out above

Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory; till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction

Postlude - Muriel Dresser, organ
March Recessional by Lily Strickland

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