

WORSHIP GUIDE for OCTOBER 18, 2020

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Another Sunday in “ordinary time.” Did you know it has a color, too? Like how Advent and Lent are purple, and Pentecost is red, and Easter and Christmas are white – sometimes with a splash of gold – ordinary time is *green*. Our landscape kind of does the work of setting our space, in that way: we can look out across the rolling hills or up to the tops of the trees and be reminded of the ordinary miracles of life and health – the verdant nature that surrounds us. Is there some way you can bring that inside, to your worship space? Do you have a houseplant you can set up close to your screen? A photo looking down on the valley you can prop up nearby? It’s good to remember that every ordinary day is a chance to witness the wonder of all that’s growing, all around us, and a chance to give thanks for that, too.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome – Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: Deep Cries Out, *Blue Book* – Jesse Cromer & Worship Team

I’ve got a river of living water, a fountain that never will run dry.
It’s an open heaven You’re releasing, and we will never be denied.

‘Cause we’re stirring up deep deep wells. We’re stirring up deep deep waters.
We’re gonna dance in the river, dance in the river.
‘Cause we’re stirring up deep deep wells. We’re stirring up deep deep waters.
We’re gonna jump in the river, jump in the river.

Deep cries out to, deep cries out to You, deep cries out to, deep cries out to You;
We cry out to, we cry out to you, Jesus.

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We're gonna jump in the river, jump in the river.

Deep cries out to, deep cries out to You, deep cries out to, deep cries out to You;
We cry out to, we cry out to you, Jesus.

We're falling into deeper waters, calling out to You.
We're walking into deeper waters, going after You.

If He goes to the left, then we'll go to the left.
And if He goes to the right, then we'll go to the right.
We're gonna jump, jump, jump, jump in the river.
Jump, jump, jump, jump everybody.

If He goes to the left, then we'll go to the left.
And if He goes to the right, then we'll go to the right.
We're gonna dance, dance, dance, dance in the river.
Dance, dance, dance, dance everybody.

If He goes to the left, then we'll go to the left.
And if He goes to the right, then we'll go to the right.
We're gonna shout, shout, shout, shout in the river.
Shout, shout, shout, shout everybody.

Deep cries out to, deep cries out to You, deep cries out to, deep cries out to You;
We cry out to, we cry out to you, Jesus.

Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from Bret Hesla* – Heidi Toth

Gracious Spirit, who loves us like a mother, whose realm is blooming among us now and within: We pray that your compassion guide us in every action. Give us what we need for each day, and help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone. Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without our asking, may we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility. And may we cancel the crushing debts that imprison our neighbors so that communities of joy and health may flourish. May we neither profit from nor ignore evil, but ever work to

thwart it with non-violence as we co-create the realm of peace in this world. Now and each day. Amen.

Children's Story – Sean P. Williams

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

They came to the region near Gerasa, on the other side of the lake. And when he had disembarked, immediately a person with an unclean spirit met them. The possessed one lived among the tombs and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. In fact, shackles and fetters had been used as restraints to no avail. No one had proved strong enough to subdue the demoniac. The sufferer would use stones to gash the flesh, howling day and night among the tombs and the mountain crags without interruption.

Catching sight of Jesus, the bedeviled one ran up and bowed down to Jesus, but then started shrieking in a loud voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Firstborn of the Most High God? Swear by God that you won't torture me!" For Jesus had been saying, "Come out of this person, unclean spirit!"

"What is your name?" Jesus asked. "My name is Legion, for there are many of us," was the reply. And the possessed one begged Jesus not to send them all out of the area.

Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding on the mountainside, and the unclean spirits begged Jesus, "Send us to the pigs, so we can enter them." Jesus gave them permission. And with that, the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs, and the herd of about two thousand went rushing down the cliff into the lake, and there they were drowned.

The swineherds ran off and reported this in the town and in the countryside, and the people came to see what really had happened. As they approached Jesus, they caught sight of the one who had been possessed sitting fully clothed and perfectly sane. And they were filled with fear. The spectators explained what had happened to the possessed person, and told the townspeople about the pigs. Then the crowd began to implore Jesus to leave their district.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the one who had been healed came up and begged to be allowed to go with him. Jesus answered, "Go home to your people and tell them what our God has done for you." So the former demoniac went off and proceeded to proclaim

throughout the Ten Cities what Jesus had done. Everyone was amazed at what they heard.

Sermon – “The Power of Calling In”

Response Song: Cry of My Heart, *Blue Book*

It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see so I can walk in your truth.
Open my heart up more and more, and make it wholly devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life. All of the days of my life.

Sharing about Realm – Susan Chambers

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: Great is your Faithfulness, *NC Hymnal #423*

Great is Your faithfulness, O God Creator,
with You no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, Your compassions they fail not;
all of Your goodness forever will be.

Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Your hand has provided,
great is Your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Your hand has provided,
great is Your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Your hand has provided,
great is Your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Benediction

Postlude

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