

WORSHIP GUIDE for JULY 11, 2021

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Well, we did it! Last Sunday was our first-ever hybrid worship service, and though there are a few kinks to work out, we did it! Thanks to those who came in person for adhering to the guidelines we sent out; thanks to those at home for tuning in as we tried something brand-new. We appreciate your presence, however you offer it; all of it enriches our community. And a big thanks to the volunteers who have taken on new roles so that this new format can work.

This Sunday is our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting - you should've received a separate email about that, including the report. We hope you'll come there and be part of the business of doing church together. This Sunday's scripture is about the seasons of our life, so come ready to think about that together; if you're worshipping from home, you might consider adding to your worship space anything that helps you think about seasonal shifts, about change, about balance. Looking forward to being with you soon!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude - Geoff Clayton, pianist

Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor

Gathering Song: *Joy of the Lord* (Blue Book)

-Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Dave Ferry, Heidi Reinker, Lara O'Brady, Geoff Clayton

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise, my song will rise to You.
Though my heart may fail, my song will rise, my song will rise to You.

While there's breath in my lungs, I will praise You, Lord.

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You.
When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You.
While there's hope in this heart, I will praise You, Lord.

The joy of the Lord is my strength! The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing,
the joy of the Lord is my strength!

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You.
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You.
God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light; I feel alive with You.
In Your presence now, I come alive; I am alive with You.
There is strength when I say: "I will praise You, Lord!"

The joy of the Lord is my strength! The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing,
the joy of the Lord is my strength!

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me.
Always, You remain, like courage in the fight.
I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming,
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light!

The joy of the Lord is my strength! The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing,
the joy of the Lord is my strength!

Gathering Prayer

& Communal Prayer *from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

-Gary Langenwalter

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all
that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in

whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth! With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time – Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*There is a time for everything,
a season for every purpose under heaven:
a season to be born and a season to die;
a season to plant and a season to harvest;
a season to hurt and a season to heal;
a season to tear down and a season to build up;
a season to cry and a season to laugh;
a season to mourn and a season to dance;
a season to scatter stones and a season to gather them;
a season for holding close and a season for holding back;
a season to seek and a season to lose;
a season to keep and a season to throw away;
a season to tear and a season to mend;
a season to be silent and a season to speak;
a season to love and a season to hate;
a season for hostilities and a season for peace.*

Sermon: “From Time to Time” – Erika

**Response Song: *We Are Not Our Own* (New Century Hymnal #564)
–Jesse Cromer, Dave Ferry, Heidi Reinker, Lara O’Brady,
Geoff Clayton**

We are not our own. Earth forms us,
human leaves on nature’s growing vine,
Fruit of many generations, seeds of life divine.

We are not alone. Earth names us:
past and present, peoples near and far,
family and friends and strangers show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us;
dying, living, love is fully known,
and in bread and wine reminds us: we are not our own.

Therefore let us make thanksgiving,
and with justice, willing and aware,
give to earth, and all things living, liturgies of care.

And if love’s encounters lead us
on a way uncertain and unknown,
All the saints with prayer surround us: we are not alone.

Let us be a house of welcome,
living stone upholding living stone,
Gladly showing all our neighbors: we are not our own!

Closing Words

**Going Forth Song: *Guide My Feet* (New Century Hymnal #497)
–Jesse Cromer, Dave Ferry, Heidi Reinker, Lara O’Brady,
Geoff Clayton**

Guide my feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race,
stand by me while I run this race,
stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. Amen.

Postlude – Geoff Clayton

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