

# **WORSHIP GUIDE for SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

## **SETTING YOUR SPACE**

This Sunday, we begin our fall exploration into Delight, and Play, and Joy. I'll confess, when we started dreaming up this series, it was under the illusion that by this time we'd be able to regather for parties, feasts, sing-a-longs... well, you know how that story goes. But instead of scrapping this theme, we're going ahead with it - in part because, as poet Toi Delicotte says, "Joy is an act of resistance." And in part because maybe we need those things now more than ever, right? These qualities - delight, play, joy - have that mysterious capability to multiply as we pay attention to them. And of course, our delight is magnified when we come together. So join in, and let's celebrate the good that surrounds us, the love that holds us, and joy that can be ours, even in the most difficult times.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude - Geoff Clayton, Pianist**

**Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

**Gathering Song: *Come Now Almighty God* (NC Hymnal #275)**

**-Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Dave King,  
Janet Langenwalter, and Geoff Clayton**

**Gathering Prayer &**

**Communal Prayer *from the New Zealand Prayer Book* -Geoff Clayton**  
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: Psalm 18:6–19**

*In my distress I called you, God;  
to you, my God, I cried for help.  
From your temple you heard my voice,  
and my cry to you reached your ears.*

*Then the netherworld reeled and rocked;  
the mountains trembled to their foundations  
in the presence of your anger.  
Smoke billowed from your nostrils  
and a consuming fire spewed forth from your mouth;  
glowing coals erupted into flames.  
You tore through the heavens and came down;  
thick darkness was under your feet.  
You rode on the backs of cherubim,  
and soared on the wings of the wind.  
You made the night your cloak;  
you covered yourself in a canopy of storm clouds.  
From the brightness before you, your clouds  
surged forth with hailstones and lightning bolts.  
You thundered in the heavens and your voice,  
Most High, resounded with hailstones*

*and bolts of lightning.*

*You shot your arrows and scattered my enemies;  
you scattered your lightning bolts and routed them.  
Then the clouds of the sea were exposed,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, God, at a snort from your nostrils.*

*You reached from on high and took hold of me,  
and pulled me out of deep water.  
You rescued me from my strong enemy,  
and from foes who were too powerful for me.  
They fell upon me in the day of my calamity,  
but you, God, were my support.  
You brought me out of the netherworld into a broad place –  
you rescued me, because you delighted in me.*

**Sermon: “Wide-Open Spaces” – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**Response Song: *Breathe* (Blue Book)**

**– Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Janet Langenwalter,  
and Geoff Clayton**

**Reach of Our Gifts: Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s SOAR  
Refugee Resettlement Services**

**Communion**

**Litany**

**One: Calling God, you have gathered us  
into this community.**

**A place has been made for us.**

**All: Let what we say and do here  
be real for us and honest to you.**

One: Gracious God,  
you have set a table before us.  
To all who would come,  
you offer a feast.

**All: You hold out bread of life  
for all who hunger.  
You hold out a cup of compassion  
for a broken world.**

One: We cannot take this bread  
and forget those who are hungry.  
We cannot drink this cup  
and forget those who thirst.

**All: As we feast,  
make our hearts restless;  
stir in us a desire for justice,  
so that we will not be full  
until all are fed.**

### **Communion Song: Open**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

O God, make of us some nourishment for these starved times, some food for our brothers and sisters who are hungry for gladness and hope, that, being bread for them, we may also be fed and be full.  
Amen.

### **Closing Words**

#### **Going Forth Song: *Draw the Circle Wide (Blue Book)***

**-Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Janet Langenwaller,**

**and Geoff Clayton**

## **Benediction**

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

All: And also with you. Amen.

## **Postlude – Geoff**

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*To join in Congregational Fellowship:*

*Head to the courtyard after the service or join by computer:*

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*Meeting ID: 826 4872 9106*

*Passcode: 624320*

*Find your local number: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82648729106?pwd=MohyNURvZoNSeTJxNEZwdE5uOFVlZzo9>*

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