

WORSHIP GUIDE for OCTOBER 17, 2021

SETTING YOUR SPACE

This Sunday will be so fun... Guests Mike and Carol Stern will lead us in a time of original song, story, and lots of laughter - Mike is a certified laughter coach, even! They'll be sharing with us from the Gospels, from Proverbs, and from the deep joy of ordinary life.

If you can come in person - to the concert Saturday tonight (the 16th), or to this service, and/or any Sunday service for the next month or so, please do - you don't want to miss the sight of 1000+ cranes filling the sanctuary with color and beauty and hope. If you're worshipping with us virtually, think about how you can add color and a little playfulness to your own space. Or maybe you have an origami crane of your own, or could learn to fold one (you just need a square sheet of paper and a YouTube tutorial!). We hope that, however you choose to connect, you'll feel the love and energy that went into dressing our shared space in signs of peace and joy.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude - Geoff Clayton, Pianist

Welcome - Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister

Gathering Song: 'The Cookie Thief' - Mike Stern

Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer from Bret Hesla

- Dave King

Gracious Spirit, who loves us like a mother, whose realm is blooming among us now and within: We pray that your compassion guides 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 Time: "Joy" - Carol Stern

Special Music: "Blessed Peace" - Mike Stern

Scripture Reading - Tim Duerfeldt

Luke 6:20-23

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

*"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.*

*"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.*

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you
on account of the Son of Man.*

*Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors
did to the prophets."*

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine,

but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Sermon: “Seriously? Laughing in Worship?”

- Mike and Carol Stern

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Mike Burr

Closing Words - Jesse Cromer

Going Forth Song: ‘One World’ by Mike Stern

**- Mike Stern, Jesse Cromer, Heidi Toth, Dave Ferry,
Geoff Clayton**

Benediction - Mike Stern

Postlude - Geoff Clayton

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