

# WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

Friends, this Sunday we're taking up more of your questions – *why is the mystical so absent from Protestantism?* and *Does God still speak to people today in dreams and visions, like in the Bible?* We'll trace some history and hear some personal stories and sing and feast and pray together. And afterwards, a game of trivia for all ages! Hope you can join in for what promises to be a meaningful time together.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude – Geoff Clayton, Pianist**

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

**Gathering Song: *Here I Am to Worship* (Blue Book)**

**– Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

**Gathering Prayer &  
Communal Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book**

**- Janet 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: Genesis 28:10-16**

*Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he passed the night there. He took a rock and used it for a headrest and lay down to sleep there. During the night he had a dream: there was a ladder, standing on the ground with its top reaching to heaven; and messengers of God were going up and coming down the ladder. YHWH was there, standing over him, saying, "I am YHWH, the God of Sarah and Abraham, the God of Rebecca and Isaac. Your descendants will be like the specks of dust on the ground; you will spread to the east and to the west, to the north and to the south, and all*

*the tribes of the earth will bless themselves by you and your descendants. Know that I am with you. I will keep you safe wherever you go, and bring you back to this land; I will not desert you before I have done all that I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke and said, “Truly, YHWH is in this place, and I never knew it!”*

**Sermon: “Questions about Mysticism” – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**Testimonies: Kathleen Verigin & Gloria LaFata**

**Response Song: *Stepping In (Blue Book)***

**– Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton**

There is a prayer like a wide river,  
it never ends, does not begin.  
Around the world it’s always flowing,  
and I am stepping in, we are stepping in.

We are praying with those in different places,  
different languages and faces, ev’ry hour of the day.  
And we are praying with enemies and strangers,  
in gratitude, in danger, calling God’s ten thousand names.

There is a prayer like a wide river,  
it never ends, does not begin.  
Around the world it’s always flowing,  
and I am stepping in, we are stepping in.

We are praying with those who’ve gone before us,  
that great ancestral chorus we are joining as we sing.  
And we are praying with heroines and heroes –  
Moses, Mary, and Romero, yes, and Martin Luther King.

There is a prayer like a wide river,  
it never ends, does not begin.

Around the world it's always flowing,  
and I am stepping in, we are stepping in.  
We are stepping in.

## **Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

### **Communion**

#### **Communion Litany**

One: The invitation goes out to all who are thirsty –

**All: Come, be filled.**

One: The invitation goes out to all who are hungry –

**All: Come, be fed.**

One: The call comes to our ears, an echo from ages past –

**All: Taste and see that God is good.**

One: The song beckons us from tomorrow–

**All: There is, for all, a place at the table.**

One: And so we gather – thirsty, hungry, welcome –  
and we pray that You nourish us here.

**All: May this bread of life and cup of hope  
remind us of Your love for each of us and all the world.  
May they fill us with courage and compassion  
to love as You do. Amen.**

### **Communion Song: One Thing Remains (Blue Book)**

Higher than the mountains that I face.

Stronger than the power of the grave.

Constant in the trial and the change.

One thing remains, one thing remains.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love.

And on and on and on and on it goes.  
Yes it overwhelms and satisfies my soul.  
And I never, ever have to be afraid.  
One thing remains, one thing remains.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love.

In death, in life, I'm confident and covered  
by the power of Your great love.  
I praise your name; there's nothing that can separate  
my heart from Your great love.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love.

It's Your love!  
Your love is never-ending.  
Your love is never-failing.  
Your love, Your love, Your love.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Gracious One, having been fed at your table and nourished by one another, send us out to feed and to nourish the world you so love.  
Amen.

### **Closing Words**

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

**Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton**

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side...

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

## **Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

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

All: And also with you.

## **Postlude – Geoff Clayton**

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