

# WORSHIP GUIDE for FEBRUARY 20, 2022

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

We've got two weeks left of these big questions, and they're not getting any easier. This week our wonderings are taking us... *straight to hell*. (Well, to a conversation about it, anyway.) I'm not sure how to suggest you decorate your worship-at-home space for this. A small fire, maybe? Or - since you can probably anticipate the way our conversation will go - maybe something that evokes a promise of the opposite: a rainbow, a dove, a globe. Maybe you could still go with the flame, but remembering that fire is also a sign of the Spirit, of Pentecost, of cleansing and purifying, of God's presence. In person or virtually, I hope you can join with FBC for worship this week. Part of our call is to wonder *together*, and it is rich and meaningful when we do. Thanks for your part in that.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude - Geoff Clayton, Pianist**

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

**Gathering Song: *Morning Has Broken* (Blue Book)**

**- Dave Ferry, Debbie Harmon Ferry, Heidi Reinker, Matt Reinker, Geoff Clayton**

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness, where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's re-creation of the new day

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Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
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**Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from Christena Cleveland***  
**- Heidi Toth**

Our Father, Mother, who are in the world and surpass the world,  
blessed be your presence, in us, in animals and flowers, in still air  
and wind. May justice and peace dwell among us, as you come to us.  
Your will be our will; You will that we be sisters and brothers and  
siblings, as bread is bread, water is itself, for our hunger, for  
quenching of thirst. Forgive us. We sometimes walk crookedly in  
the world, are perverse, and fail our promise. But we would be  
human, if only you consent to stir up our hearts. Amen.

**Children's Time - Winter Camp 2022**

**Scripture: Selections from John 14 & 15**

*Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God;  
have faith in me as well. In God's house there are many dwelling places;  
otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place  
for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will  
come back to take you with me, that where I am, there you may be as  
well. You know the way that leads to where I am going."*

*Thomas replied, “But we don’t know where you’re going. How can we know the way?”*

*Jesus told him, “I myself am the Way – I am Truth, and I am Life. No one comes to Abba God but through me. If you really knew me, you would know Abba God also. From this point on, you know Abba God; you have seen Abba God. . . . I am the True Vine and my Abba is the vine grower who cuts off every branch in me that doesn’t bear fruit, but prunes the fruitful ones to increase their yield. You’ve been pruned already, thanks to the word that I have spoken to you. Live on in me, as I do in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, neither can you bear fruit apart from me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Those who don’t live in me are like withered, rejected branches, to be picked up and thrown on the fire and burned.”*

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

**Response Song: One World (Blue Book)**

**– Dave Ferry, Debbie Harmon Ferry, Heidi Reinker, Matt Reinker, Geoff Clayton**

One world in which we live together, one sun shining on you and me,  
one ocean flows into another, one day we all will be free.  
One day we all will be free.

One moment can change a whole lifetime;  
one life can change eternity;  
one stranger befriended, one broken heart mended,  
one child loved, one captive set free. One child loved, one captive set free.

One world in which we live together, one sun shining on you and me,  
one ocean flows into another, one day we all will be free.

One day we all will be free.

One day when the lamb and the lion,  
and our pride and our anger lie down,  
weapons to plowshares, a joy born of love's tears,  
a sacrifice, and a crown; a sacrifice, and a crown.

One world in which we live together, one sun shining on you and me,  
one ocean flows into another, one day we all will be free.  
One day we all will be free.

One day we will all meet our Maker,  
till that day we must do what we can,  
to stand by each other, to love one another,  
every child, every woman and man. Every child, every woman and man.

One world in which we live together, one sun shining on you and me,  
one ocean flows into another, one day we all will be free.  
One day we all will be free.

**Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

One: Gracious One, in your mercy...

All: ...hear our prayer.

**Special Music: *Love Conquers Fear* – Rob Porter**

**Closing Words**

**Going Forth Song: *Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)* (Blue Book)**

– Dave Ferry, Debbie Harmon Ferry, Heidi Reinker, Matt  
Reinker, Geoff Clayton

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me.

When I am surrounded, your love carries me.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujuah! Your love makes me sing.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujuah! Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,  
all that joy that's growing deep inside of me.  
Ev'ry time I see you all your goodness shines through.  
I can feel this God-song rising up in me.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujuah! Your love makes me sing.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujuah! Your love makes me sing.

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me.  
When I am surrounded, your love carries me.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujuah! Your love makes me sing. (4x)  
Yes, love makes me sing. How love makes me sing.

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

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

All: And also with you.

### **Postlude – *Put a Little Love in Your Heart***

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