



*Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ*

*May 5, 2024*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Jeanne Randall-Bodman

CENTERING MUSIC

Lily Breshears and Ian Timmons

CALL TO AWARENESS

Joy Watson

We are part of the church universal—

**faithful people of every age, ability, gender,  
race, class, and orientation, gathered to love and serve God.**

We are on the journey together,

**held in community by the Spirit of Love.**

There is a home in God's heart,

**There is a place at Christ's table,  
there is room in the beloved community for all people,**

Let us celebrate the expansive love of God.

HYMN # 2

Morningstar

SPP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Joy Watson

**Spirit of Love, you widen the circles of welcome and embrace.**

**Where we draw boundaries, you surprise us with joy,**

**with connection,**

**with belonging.**

**Widen our hearts this day,**

**so that we may see you in one another,**

**in ourselves, and in all whom we encounter. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANTHEM

Kairos Choir

RESPONSE

*Help me do the justice to be done today.*

*Help me love kindness in all I do and say.*

*Help me walk humbly with you, O God, I pray,*

*Every step of the way, every step of the way.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, your grace and your gifts abound in our lives.  
By your Spirit, may we learn to receive and offer these blessings,  
expanding the boundaries of your beloved community. Amen.**

## LIBERATING WORD CHRISTIAN TESTAMENT

Acts 8: 26 – 40

Joy Watson

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.”<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”<sup>31</sup> He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”<sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.<sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## CONTINUING TESTAMENT

Excerpt from Richard Rohr’s “The Divine Dance”

This, then, seems to be the work of the Spirit: to keep you growing is to keep you vulnerable to life and love itself. Notice that the major metaphors for the Spirit are always dynamic, energetic, and moving: elusive wind, descending dove, falling fire, and flowing water. Spirit-led people never stop growing and changing and recognizing the new moment of opportunity. How strange to think that so much of religion became a worship of the status quo, until you remember that the one thing the ego hates and fears more than anything else is change.

SERMON

Pastor Jeanne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*More than we can ask, more than we can ask,  
more than we can ask or imagine.*

*Hear, oh hear our prayer.*

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**Our Father, Our Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our  
debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

For Everyone Born

Insert

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!*

*Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Dios.*

*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!*

*My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**Eternal One, send your transforming power upon us and upon these humble elements, that  
they may become for us living symbols of Your power to overcome evil. Risen Christ, live  
in us that we may live in you. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not thirst.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We thank you for this meal, this day, this gift of resurrection.**

**Send us out into your world to share your love and hope to all who despair and fear, that  
all may know abundant life. Alleluia, alleluia, amen.**

HYMN # 123

Draw the Circle Wide

SPP

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jeanne

POSTLUDE

Lily Breshears and Ian Timmons

GATHER

2

Morningstar

♩=50

1. You are the Morn-ing - star, You are the Foun - tain,  
 2. In dry and wear - y lands, You give us wa - ter,  
 3. Lib - er - ate yes - ter - day, free for to - mor - row.  
 4. In faith we seek Your face, pow - er and bril - liance,

life breath - ing Spir - it, hope from the moun - tain.  
 greet - ing each wan - der - er as son or daugh - ter.  
 Guide all who search for You, in stress or sor - row.  
 Strong and up - lift - ing hands, grace - filled re - sil - ience.

We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.

You are the Morn - ing - star.

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You are the Morn - ing - star.

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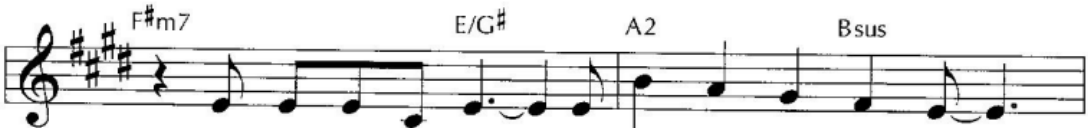
## For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B E (circled) Fine A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

RESPOND

# 123

# Draw the Circle Wide

$\text{♩} = 132$

Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our\_

song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide. wide.

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -  
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass  
 3. Let the dreams we\_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
 great and small; let our lov - ing  
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. \_\_\_\_\_  
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. \_\_\_\_\_