

Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ

May 12, 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Lily Breshears, Ian Timmons and Kathy Walden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jeanne Randall-Bodman

Pastor Jeanne

CENTERING PRAYER

Gentle me, Holy One,

into an unclenched moment,

a deep breath,

a letting go

of heavy experiences of shriveling anxieties of dead certainties

that, softened by the silence, surrounded by the light, and open to the mystery, I may be found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable,

eld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple, and filled with the joy that is you.

(Ted Loder, Guerillas of Grace)

CENTERING MUSIC

Lily Breshears, Ian Timmons and Kathy Walden

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Margie Ogden

Love is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? Love is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

> When fears assail me, rising up to accuse me, Each one in turn shall be seen in Love's light.

Though a multitude of demons rise up within me, my heart shall not fear.

Though doubts and guilt do battle, yet shall I remain confident.

One thing have I asked of Love, that I shall ever seek:

That I might dwell in the heart of Love all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of my Beloved, and to know Love's plan.

LIBERATING WORD

Psalm 1

The Rev. Margie Ogden

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the whole instruction of the LORD,
and on God's way they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17:6-19

"I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

"I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

REFLECTION Pastor Jeanne

HYMN # 283 Spirit of the Living God NCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, Your name is sacred. May we know your presence. May your longings be our longings in heart and in deed. May there be food for God's family today. For the planet God loves. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done As we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict, but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever. 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

Holy One, we thank you for all that you have given to our community. Bless the gifts we offer to each other. Bless the work we engage in together. Take all that we offer and empower us to do your work of mercy and justice in the world. Amen.

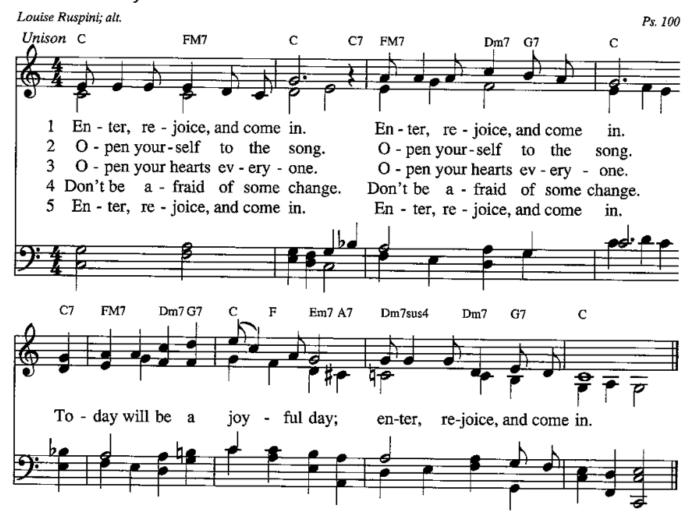
HYMN # 195 Children of God SPP

BENEDICTION Pastor Jeanne

POSTLUDE Lily Breshears, Ian Timmons and Kathy Walden

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.

Louise Ruspini
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Spirit of the Living God



GO FORTH 195 Children of God J=116 D Child-ren of God, let's love one an-oth-er. Love is a gift, a bless-D G of God._ ing Love one an-oth sis ters and broth-ers. er, Love is a gift of God. Let love be more than what we say.__ 2. Now per-fect love re-moves all fear._ Let us bear wit-ness to the Light, Em Make it the way we live. that each day. By this we know God is al ways near. liv-ing in love, do - ing what___ is right. F#m/A A9 D G 3. Oh, oh, Oh, oh, Child-ren of God, let's love ___ one an-oth-er. Oh, oh, D Love is a gift, a bless ing of God ... Love one an-oth - er, D Α D - ters and broth-ers. Love is a gift of God.___

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