

SENDING

- *Hymn** "We Shall Overcome" Hymnal #379
- *Benediction**
- *Congregational Response** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Renew #307, vs 1
*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*
- *Postlude** "Morning Has Broken" (Hymn Tune Buinessan) arr. Cat Stevens
Kate Cameron, pianist

Serving Today

- Greeters** Gordon and Margarita Lillie
Liturgist Mary-Margaret Allen
Coffee Host Nancy Harber
Welcome Table Sue Razzaia

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Pastor: Rev. Sam Codington

Please rise in body or spirit, where you see an asterisk. *

JUNETEENTH

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

JUNE 18, 2023 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Music for Meditation

"A Simple Song"
Andy James, soloist

L. Bernstein

Welcome

Words for Preparation:

"On this mountain, the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined." Isaiah 25:6. (Common English Bible)

***Gathering Song**

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymnal #839, vs 1

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Choral Introit

"Great Are You Lord"

arr. J. Rodriguez

Call to Worship

Mary-Margaret Allen

Leader: Come, let us set a table with nourishing food and welcome,

All: where peoples of every life experience can find a place to belong.

Leader: Come, let us set a table as broad as the earth,

All: where beloved creatures great and small can sing their songs.

***Hymn**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Hymnal #339

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Leader: With a prayer of confession, we acknowledge the ways we have remained indifferent to God’s will for wellbeing in the world. Come, let us rely on the grace and mercy of God in a prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: You are maker of heaven and earth -

All: yet some claim to discover land while others are pushed aside.

Leader: You are the life of the world -

All: yet some abuse and exploit your creation while others hunger and thirst.

Leader: Your faithful love endures forever -

All: yet some disregard their promises while others are betrayed.

Leader: Your generosity is without measure -

All: yet some heap up treasure for themselves while others struggle in poverty.

Leader: You offer freedom to all in your Spirit -

All: yet some enjoy the blessings of liberty while others remain in bondage.

Leader: You walk in beauty and truth -

All: yet some destroy and deceive while others are trampled underfoot.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

All: Redeem broken promises, bring justice to this land, and help us to live in right relationship with you and one another; in Jesus’ name, we pray, amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words, and receive them in gratitude. God the Father promises a kingdom of justice and joy. God the Son lived and died for the least of these. God the Spirit strengthens us to build beloved community.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Response**

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Choir Anthem

“Make a Joyful Noise”

Buryl Red

Sermon on the Steps

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (NRSV)

John 15:1-11

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Learning the Languages of Life”

Rev. Dr. Sam Codington

RESPONDING

***Hymn**

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

Hymnal #770

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (Please sing)

Renew 177

Our Father which 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. Amen.

Offertory

“Deep River”

arr. M. Hogan

Andy James, soloist

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: God of grace, connect us deeply with the land we occupy. Nourish us with your life-giving love, and may we bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit each day of our lives. Use us, we pray, amen.