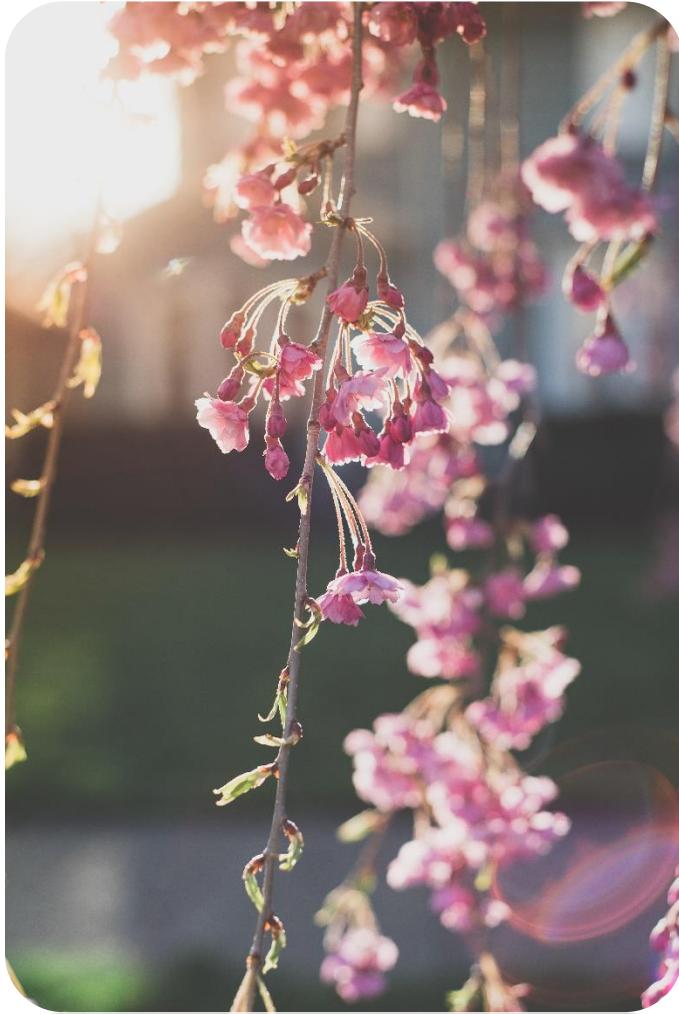




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PREBYTERIAN CHURCH



“For the joy of human love. . .”

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, May 10, 2020
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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now Gospel Song
"The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh, right now!
The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh, right now!
He woke me up this morning, and started me on my way;
The Lord is blessing me right now!"

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 16*

One: Be my dwelling place, O God.

Many: I say to God, "All praise be yours, for every blessing I have
comes from you.

One: No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.

Many: For you will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your
presence forevermore."

*Hymn 376

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

God of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

*Centering Prayer (unison)

With all our hearts, O God, we thank you for the steady stream of blessings you shower upon us in every hour and at every turn. We thank you for the unexpected openings into newness that you reveal to us when we are going about our ordinary tasks. Be with us as we seek to understand the gifts you desire to give us and the invitations you offer us to help make your love real in the world. May we listen for your voice speaking to us as your Holy Spirit moves among us today. May we notice your grace revealed afresh. May we find ourselves in the presence of the Risen Christ, whose love lights our way into the fullness of your peace, both within and around us. Amen.

Music for Reflection

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein
and Stephen Schwartz

"Sing God a simple song, lauda laude
Make it up as you go along, lauda laude
Sing like you like to sing, God loves all simple things.
For God is the simplest of all, For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing to God a new song, to praise him, to bless him, to bless God.
I will sing God's praises while I live, all of my days.
Blessed is the one who loves God,
Blessed is the one who praises him.
Lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in God's ways.

I will lift up my eyes, to the hills from which comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to God, singing lauda, laude.
For God is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand.
And the sun shall not smite me by day, or the moon by night.
Blessed is the one who loves the Lord lauda, lauda, laude,
And walks in God's ways.
Lauda, lauda, laude, lauda, lauda di da di day
All of my days"
Hannah Stokes, soprano

Second Reading

Matthew 19:13-15

Meditation

Growing in God's Love:
Reflections on Mother's Day 2020
Shelly Samarra Lambert, Raina Bouphavong, Becky Wiggins,
Cat Garcia Ruderman, and Carrie Datro

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Love Is Little

Shaker Song

*"Love is little, love is low, Love will make our spirits grow,
Grow in peace, grow in light, Love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is gentle, love is small, Love will find the best for all,
Find the peace, find the light, Love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is silent, love is strong, Love will sing a quiet song,
Sing of peace, sing of light, Love will do the thing that's right."*

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude Improvisation on "For the Beauty of the Earth"
 Alan Jones and Lee Wright

Thank you to. . .

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