



DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Let your great Spirit
give me hope,
sustain me,
lead me out.*

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, May 24, 2020
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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

I've Been in the Storm So Long
Heather Holmquest, Alan Jones, and Lee Wright

Negro Spiritual

*Call to Worship

One: The grace of God is wonderful, delighting the mind;

Many: The presence of God is everywhere, rejoicing the heart;

One: The wisdom of God is trustworthy, reviving the soul;

Many: The love of God is steadfast, enduring forever.

*Hymn 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)

3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. (Refrain)

4. God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

*Centering Prayer (unison)

O God of all our days, so often we spend our time trying to keep up with our list of tasks. We lose our sense of purpose. We long for a deeper connection with you. Infuse our every breath with the mystery and liveliness that attend your grace. Grant that our hospitality and friendship may extend beyond the circles of privilege and habit, to include all creation, even those regarded as the least among us, in your divine embrace. Amen.

First Reading

I Corinthians 13

Music for Reflection

When I Came Into This Life American Folk Melody

*"Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith as member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.*

*So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You."*

Text: Fred Kaan, 1976

Second Reading

John 17:1-5

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

You'll Never Walk Alone Rodgers and Hammerstein

When you walk through a storm hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of a storm there's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain,
Though your dreams be tossed and blown

Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone

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

Benediction Response and Postlude

Improvisation on
"Let All Things Now Living" Welsh Folk Melody

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished
As forward we travel from light into light.*

Words: Katherine K. Davis, alt.

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