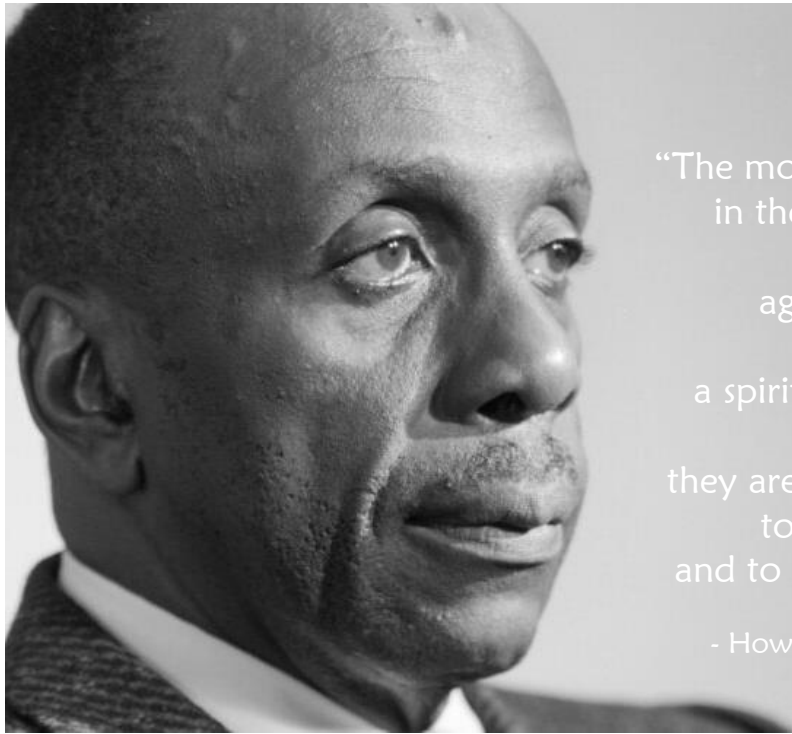


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“The movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men and women often calls them to act against the spirit of their times or causes them to anticipate a spirit which is yet in the making. In a moment of dedication they are given wisdom and courage to dare a deed that challenges and to kindle a hope that inspires.”

- Howard Thurman, *Footprints of a Dream*

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, July 19, 2020
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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

Love Is Little

Shaker Tune
Arr. Lee Wright

*“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.”*

Juli Elliot, soprano, Jason Cloen, piano, Lee Wright, violin

*Call to Worship based on Psalm 139

One: O God, you have searched me and known me; you are acquainted with all my ways.

Many: You encircle me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

One: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Many: Even there your hand shall lead me, and shall hold me fast.

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart.

Many: Release from me any hurtful thoughts, and help me follow in your way.

*Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 489

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Benjamin Schmolck, 1732
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3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so down to me;
3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;

May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.

Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer;
Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be;
May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.

Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace.
To my heart O en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now.
Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

*Centering Prayer (unison)

O Holy One, be with us today in this place. Our world cries out in pain: from war, from violence, from enforced poverty, from disease, from abandonment. May we be instruments of your justice and your grace, moving in the world to ease that pain. We cannot solve every problem; help each one of us to find our calling, so that we can do your work without being overwhelmed. As we walk with you, help us to calm our fear and ease our distress. May we learn from Jesus how to be your presence, your love, and your prophetic voice in our own time and place. Amen.

First Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

Music for Reflection

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Vaughan Williams

Arr. Lee Wright

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a way as gives us breath;

Such a truth as ends all strife;

Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a light as shows a feast;

Such a feast as mends in length;

Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a joy as none can move;

Such a love as none can part;

Such a heart as joys in love."

Second Reading

Psalm 12

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

*"We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
God sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.*

*You only are the Maker
Of all things near and far;
You paint the wayside flower,
You light the evening star;
The winds and waves obey You,
By You the birds are fed;
Much more to us, Your children,
You give our daily bread.*

*We thank You, then, Creator,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all Your love imparts,
And what You most would welcome,
Our humble, thankful hearts."*

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

7. You who from dark tombs
dig up vain mammon,
see what you here in the air
have for treasures.
Speak not, it is only color and light,
one does not count it or shut it in
chests.

6. My soul
hears by sight,
how, in order
to exalt the Creator,
everything cheers,
everything laughs.
Hear now,
the blooming
Spring's splendour
is the language of nature,
that distinctly
through the face,
speaks to
us everywhere.

4. Sweet silence, soft springs
Peaceful calm!
The soul itself will be gladdened,
When I, after this time
Of laborious futility,
this peace I will see
that awaits us in eternity

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