



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"God is like a light within the
heart*

that nothing can extinguish."

--John O'Donohue

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, September 6, 2020
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Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Alan Jones and Lee Wright

Negro Spiritual

Call to Worship

Hymn 414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

1. As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering to God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true;
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
3. With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Centering Prayer (unison)

Ever faithful God, center us in your love—so steady, so strong, and so transforming. You love us more completely than we dare to think. Give us courage to trust your inspirations. As we listen for your voice, may we know that you desire to shine through us, as you shine in Jesus, with whom we seek your justice and joy for all. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 19

Rev. Kelly

Music for Reflection

When a Poor One

J.A. Olivar
and Miguel Manzano

“When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
Refrain: Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times seems all around us, (Ref.)

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is better, (Ref.)

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, (Ref.)”
Trans. George Lockwood, 1989, alt.

Second Reading

Matthew 13:33

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Is There Anybody Here?
There Is a Balm in Gilead

Negro Spirituals

Fruits of the Earth Communion Feast

Invitation

Hymn

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Your name,
Two or three are met together
Your are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Touch we now Your garment's hem.

2. As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to the Creator
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Sharing the Feast

Words of Blessing

Hymn

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

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3. All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of You,

That by caring, helping, giving
We may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.

Benediction

Rev. Kelly

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