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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Like a healing stream. . ."

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, September 13, 2020
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Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

We Shall Overcome

Civil Rights Anthem

1. We shall overcome, We shall overcome
We shall overcome someday.
Oh deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday.
2. We shall stand together. . . now.
3. God shall see us through. . . each day
4. Love shall overflow. . . today.

Call to Worship

Rev. Kate Kelly

One: When we wander in a dry and weary wilderness, the Spirit is never far away.

Many: When we are full of desire, but uncertain of our direction, the voice of God speaks.

One: Speak now, O God, and meet us in our searching.

Many: Surprise us – delight us! – with the wonders of your grace.

Hymn 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
(Verses 1, 3, 4, and 5, Music on next page)

LYONS

476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); alt.

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And
Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, And
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Centering Prayer (unison)

We rejoice, O God, in your wonderful works. We are amazed to know that you, the Creator of all worlds, are in this place to meet us. Bless us with your love and give us strength for our journeys. Speak to us in the words, songs, and silences of our worship. Refresh us, renew us, and awaken us to the movement of your Holy Spirit in these days. Amen.

First Reading

Eagle Poem
By Joy Harjo

Rev. Kelly

Music for Reflection

Hush, Hush

Negro Spiritual

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Like a Healing Stream

Bruce Harding

*“Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
Promising revival and rebirth... Like a healing stream.*

*Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need... Like a gentle rain.*

*Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
Calling for an end to hate and war... Like a river strong.*

*Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow;
God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea,
Like a river strong, Like a gentle rain, Like a healing stream.”*

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

Closing Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

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