



# DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"...AND YOU ARE  
ALREADY IN IT.

THE RIVER IS  
GOD'S INFINITE LOVE."

- RICHARD ROHR

Celebration of Worship  
Sunday, September 27, 2020  
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Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

Two River Spirituals      Arr. Bodinger/Wright  
Deep River – I've Got Peace Like a River  
Ben Magruder and Kathryn Borden, soloists

Call to Worship

One: Now let us meet in the loving presence of God,  
Many: Here let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God,  
by whose grace we are daily blessed into fullness of life and love.

Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River  
(Hymn on the next page)

HANSON PLACE

Centering Prayer (unison)

Songs of praises we sing to you, Amazing God. Every day you bring us over from despair to hope, from complacency to caring, from giving up on the world to taking part in the creative ferment that your prophets call justice and peace. Thank you for our common humanity. We all thirst for water. We all hunger for bread. We all need kindness. Let our days be shaped by the love we meet in Jesus, who dared to say yes to your love. Amen.

# Shall We Gather at the River

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1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have  
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver  
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, soon our pil-grim-age will

trod, with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing  
 spray, we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the  
 down; grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-  
 cease; soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the

*Refrain*

by the throne of God?  
 hap-py gold-en day. Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er,  
 vide a robe and crown.  
 mel-o-dy of peace.

the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er; gath-er with the

saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

First Reading

Psalm 78:1-4, 14-16

Rev. Kate Kelly

Music for Reflection

I Hunger and Thirst

Arr. Kevin Siegfried

"I hunger and thirst; I hunger and thirst after true righteousness.  
In what I've obtained, my soul cannot rest.

An ocean I see without bottom or shore,  
O feed me I'm hungry, enrich me I'm poor.  
I will cry unto God, I never will cease,  
Till my soul's filled with love,  
Love, perfect love and sweet peace."

Traditional Shaker Song  
Hannah Stokes and Heather Holmquest, soloists

Second Reading

from the Gospel of Thomas,  
Saying 13

Meditation

Music: Waterfall, by Cris Williamson  
Alan Jones, voice and piano

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Come to the Water

Cary Ratcliff

"O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to God.  
Let them come to God without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price, except for God?"

And let all who seek, let them come to the water,  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to God.  
Let them come to God without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life, except for God?"

And let all who toil, let them come to the water,  
And let all who are weary, let them come to God.  
Let them come to God, all who labor without rest.  
How can your soul find rest, except for God?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to God.  
Bring them all to God, bring the children without might.  
Easy the load and light, O come to God."

Text: John B. Foley, SJ, alt.

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Rev. Kelly

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

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