



DOWNTOWN

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“The love of Christ has gathered us together,



Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Rejoice!”

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, October 4, 2020
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Prelude

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

*"Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Rejoice!
Let us revere and love the living God.
And with a sincere heart let us love one another."*

Text: Anonymous Medieval
(Choir II)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land
(Choir I)

Negro Spiritual
Arr. Wyatt Tee Walker

Call to Worship *from Psalm 16*

One: Be my dwelling place, O God.

Many: I say to God, "All praise be yours, for every blessing I have comes from you.

One: No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.

Many: For you will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence forevermore."

Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain: God of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

Centering Prayer (unison)

God of love and light, be near to us this day. With each breath we draw, fill us with your Spirit. Let us feel your divine energy; let us feel your presence lifting us, making us radiant with your loving and life-giving power, that we may walk with the Risen Christ and all your saints on this good earth. Amen.

First Reading	Philippians 4:4-7	Rev. Kate Kelly
Music for Reflection	The Lord Is My Shepherd Text from Psalm 23 (Choir II, Judy Boyd, soloist)	Howard Goodall
Second Reading	A Hiker's Psalm 23	By Ellie Newell
Meditation		Rev. Youngdahl

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.

Music for Reflection

Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all I need.
She makes me lie down in green meadows;
Beside the still waters she will lead.
She restores my soul; She rights my wrongs.
She leads me in a path of good things
And fills my heart with songs.*

*Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land
There is nothing that can shake me, She has said she won't forsake me.
I'm in Her hand.*

*She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes.
She anoints my head with oil; and my cup overflows.*

*Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life
And I will live in Her house forever, forever and ever.*

*Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the holy of holies;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen."*

(Choir I)

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Rev. Kelly

Closing Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
Was there ever kinder shepherd
Half so gentle, half so sweet,
As the Savior who would have us
Come and gather at His feet?

2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
As our love grows ever deeper,
We reflect God's living word;
And our world becomes illumined
By the kindness of our God.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; revised
Celie Katovitch and Pat Youngdahl, 2018

Benediction

Rev. Youngdahl

Postlude

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anon. 16thc.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all. The Lord is e'en at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
Let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen."*

Text: Philippians 4:4-7
(Choir I)

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