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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Echoes in the Canyon"

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, January 31, 2021,

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Prelude

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninov

Lee Wright, violin, Jason Cloen, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Deb Swift

Chime

Introit

"O Still, Small Voice of Calm"

C. Hubert H. Parry

*"O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!"*

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1872)

Call to Worship

Cindy Hamilton

Adapted from <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3057/worship-connection-september-9-2018>

One: We come together here to learn of Christ's healing love.

Many: Holy Healer, help us to learn your lessons of compassion.

One: Everyday there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

Many: And every day there are those who can reach out to us.

One: Let us bring our open hearts to worship the One who offers us the perfect wholeness – the perfect Shalom.

1. O God of earth and space,
Of sea and fire and air,
Your providence surrounds us here and everywhere.
In fruit and grain and tree,
In shelter from the cold,
In cooling breezes flowing wells, now as of old
2. Where faithfulness is shown,
Where love and truth abound,
Where beauty graces human life, there You are found.
Inspirer of all thought!
Creative force of art!
The melody on every tongue, In every heart!
3. Wherever freedom reigns,
Where sin is overthrown,
Where justice fused with mercy rules, there You are known.
Give us the courage clear
To make the earth a home
For all to live in harmony in Christ's shalom.

Centering Prayer (unison)

Cindy Hamilton

Patient Lord, you know us so well. You know how great our needs are. In these difficult times when jobs are threatened, homes are being lost, families are experiencing great stress, food cupboards are being emptied, remind us that you make us whole. Help us to place our trust in you. Transform our lives, not just with healing, but with a spirit of hope and compassion. Give us faith that can move mountains. Give us hearts that try again and again, even when they are heavy or broken. We know, O Spirit, that we help others best when we are centered and grounded in your love. Remind us that your healing hand rests on us as well. Empower us to be your people filled with compassion and trust, and give us the courage to be your People of the Way, we ask in Jesus' Name.
AMEN.

Music for Reflection I Am the Breeze Justin Wallace
*"I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.
I am the rain coming from the dew
that causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life."*
Text: Hildegard of Bingen

Gospel Reading John 11:17-44 Cindy Hamilton
from *The Message* translation

Music for Reflection It's All Over Me Negro Spiritual
Arr. Jester Hairston

Meditation "Echoes in the Canyon" Rev. Swift

Hymn I Will Come to You YOU ARE MINE
(Music at the end of this bulletin)

Prayers of Healing and Transformation Rev. Swift
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.

Closing Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms HYFRYDOL
(Music at the end of this bulletin)

Benediction Rev. Swift

Postlude Toccata in G Major William H Pachelbel
Jason Cloen, organ

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

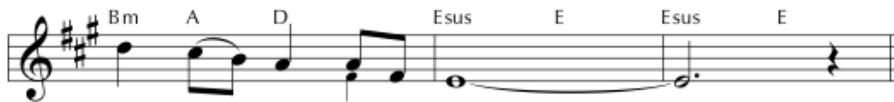
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night; I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

*Refrain**All*

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

103 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

G C G

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

D G C

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

G D7 G *Refrain*

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

C G D G D G

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean - ing,
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus,

C G D7 G

lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus,

Thank you to . . .

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