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July 18, 2021

WELCOME AND PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SCRIPTURE “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46)

PRELUDE *“Suite in A Minor: Ouverture, Passepied 1, Passepied 2”*
Georg Philipp Telemann, composer
Cornelia Johnson, flute; Linda Cox, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Invitation to Stillness

***OPENING HYMN** *“Come and Fill Our Hearts”* #466

CHILDREN’S TIME “Small Voice, Big Love”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Beth Reiners

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
‘Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.’
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

1 Kings 19: 11-13

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

MESSAGE

"The Sacred Sound of Silence"

Rev. Colin Pritchard

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Simple Gifts"

Original composition by Joseph Brackett
Ethan Powell, Amanda Tourtellotte, arr.

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we want to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
We'll be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we will not be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
And by turning, turning we'll come 'round right.*

*'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair,
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air.
To each day we walk on the path that we choose,
'Tis a gift we pray we may never, never lose.*

*'Tis the gift to be knowing, 'tis the gift to be kind,
'Tis the gift to wait to hear another's mind.
That when we speak our feelings we might come out true,
'Tis the gift for me and the gift for you.*

*'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the best gift of all
Like a warm spring rain bringing beauty when it falls,
And as we use this gift, we may come to believe,
It is better to give than it is to receive.*

PRAYERS OF THE WORLD

In thanksgiving and joy, we pray...

Cradling the wounded of the world, we pray...

Seeking direction for the next step forward, we pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TIME OF OFFERING

***CLOSING SONG**

“Go In Peace”

By: Colin Pritchard

(Chorus)

***Go in peace the peace he gives to you
Go in love the love that sees you through
This day this night
Hold the hand of light
And go in peace***

BENEDICTION (unison)

Beth Reiners

In the busyness of this day
grant me a stillness of seeing, O God.
In the conflicting voices of my heart
grant me a calmness of hearing.
Let my seeing and hearing,
my words and my actions
be rooted in a silent certainty of your presence.
Let my passions for life
and the longings for justice that stir within me
be grounded in the experience of your stillness.
Let my life be rooted in the ground of your peace, O God,
let me be rooted in the depths of your peace.

(J. Phillip Newell)

POSTLUDE

“Sonata V in F Major: Allegro”

Georg Frideric Handel, composer
Cornelia Johnson, flute; Linda Cox, organ

*congregation standing (all who are able)

Weekly announcements document can be picked up at the exits.

The Reverend Colin Pritchard, *Pastor*
The Reverend W. James Gerling, *Pastor Emeritus*
Richard Cox, *Director of Music, Adult Choir & Bells*
Linda Cox, *Organist*