



April 21st, 2024

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude

Claire Ardoin, flute

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Loving God, we come today yearning for that which is trustworthy.

People: We come as those needing to be surprised by your unexpected answers.

Leader: We come remembering how you, O Lord, work through things we dismiss and overlook.

People: Grant us new eyes to see your works, Gracious God, and new hearts to love the world as you love us.

*Opening Hymn #19 “God of Great and God of Small”

Poem

What I'm Looking For

by Maureen N. McLane

What I'm looking for
is an unmarked door
we'll walk through
and there: whatever
we'd wished for
beyond the door.

What I'm looking for
is a golden bowl
carefully repaired
a complete world sealed
along cracked lines.

What I'm looking for
may not be there.
What you're looking for
may or may not
be me. I'm listening for

the return of that sound
I heard in the woods
just now, that silvery sound
that seemed to call
not only to me.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

People: Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

People: Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love.

People: Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

People: Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Musical Response #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" vs. 2

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Choir Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth"

by Sally DeFord

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Psalm 63; Mark 1:34-39

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Never Done Searching"
*Hymn #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

Time for Response to the Sermon
Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

*Benediction

Postlude "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. by Brian C. Howell

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God's presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Dr. David Pettit, Guest Preacher; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;

Claire Ardoin, flute; **Dale Vodehnal**, Liturgist

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