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On YouTube this Week

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HTiZRfityrzqqmMD8rlcivF1>
Several Hymn Videos, including those from last week.
Lectionary / Scripture Lessons for the week.
Weekly Announcements
Sunday Worship 2 - Responding to the Word - 9:30 am
(This will include Holy Communion, at the end, if it is live-streamed)
Also Links to "Anthem" selection suggestion from Cathy.



All Previous Videos remain available for viewing.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP I

JUNE 6, 2021
9:00AM

SMALL GROUP / IN HOME - PRAYERS & PRAISE

PREFACE

some of this is repeat from last week.

In case you missed the information offered over the last two weeks, ...

*For the next few weeks we will continue to offer faith support materials, in this way to facilitate **small group** worship. We see **small groups** ("in home gatherings") as a stepping stone toward eventually regathering as a larger group. So, I hope you have gathered, or will gather **at home**, with a few friends, this week and for the next several weeks. Prayerfully gather, and begin at your agreed upon time.*

The liturgy being offered here is not to constrain your small group experience, but to facilitate it. Use it, adapt it, modify it as works best for you.

***In your group, delegate the various liturgy parts to the various participants, as they are comfortable. Start with some prelude music to set the atmosphere.** You may have cds or mp3s you would like to use. Maybe someone in your group is a musician and can provide some prelude music. If not, you will find some possibilities linked in our current week playlist. I am suggesting one of the performances of Psalm 23. The anthem suggestion from Cathy is suggested for prayer time.*

The first part of the liturgy will probably last less than 30 minutes. Anything uncompleted may be returned to after the second part, as you see fit.

All going well, at 9:30, again I will be on in "live-stream" format, rather than a pre-recorded video. For the last part of the live stream I will guide you in a Liturgy for Holy Communion at Home.

*At 11:00 we will gather via Zoom. Please let me know how many were part of your small group. Estimating participation during the pandemic has been strictly a guess. As we begin to gather again, via these **in home/small group** experiences, we can begin to better gauge our involvement.*

I will be praying for each and all of you as you gather for the first part of the liturgy, just as I have been throughout this uncharted wilderness season in which we have been wandering (alluding to the wilderness experience of the People of Israel, after the Exodus.)

We have a "Re-Entering Well Task Force" which will help us prepare to safely gather again.

We may not yet have reached "the promised land", but perhaps we can begin to see it off at the horizon. And you should know that a number of people have found us, and have been worshipping with us on-line. Some of these would never have connected with us otherwise.

Our YouTube presence therefore will continue even though somewhat modified in format.



~Pastor Dave

PRELUDE

*Select some prelude music to set the atmosphere for your group.
You will two performances of Psalm 23 in this week's playlist;
I think they both are very good, but do not feel constrained to use only them.*

OPENING WORDS

Perhaps In Unison:

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.
May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us,
and with the rest of our church family, this very day.*

PRAY TOGETHER,

*PwJS (alt) or have one person offer prayer for the group
using these or other words.*

**Abba, God! Thank you for liberating us from fear.
Thank you for covering us with parental love.
Thank you for giving us a spirit of courage
to witness to your love that crosses every boundary.
Reveal to us your image in the face of each person ...
Move us to extend your peace with justice
to our siblings throughout your world.
Open our hearts with generosity to glorify you with our gifts.
In the name of Jesus, our sibling, we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(assigned parts)*

PwJS

*Paul writes that "all who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God."*

**We are children of God
and celebrate peace with justice.**

God did not give you a spirit of fear but of adoption.

**We are children of God
and celebrate liberation.**

We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

**We are children of God
and celebrate our global family.**

HYMN

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist,
or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.
Perhaps All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,
or maybe Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above.*

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PwJS

*God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
calls us by grace*

**ALL: to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one in divine love for the world.**

*Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.*

ALL: And so shall we.

*Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity
transforming strangers into friends.*

ALL: And so shall we.

*Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.*

ALL: And so shall we.

*Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.*

ALL: And so shall we.

*Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.*

ALL: And so shall we.

*Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.*

ALL: And so shall we.

CALL TO CONFESSION

(assigned part)

Ps. 130:3-4; ForW

*If God kept track of sins, who would stand a chance?
But with God, there is forgiveness.
May God hear our request for mercy.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

unison

JW/PO

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope.
We are weak, but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.
We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

<silent prayers>

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(assigned parts)

*JW/PO
Relentlessly*

God seeks us out.

With abundant grace and boundless mercy,

God seeks us out.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

HYMN *(Optional)*

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.
perhaps Great Is Thy Faithfulness, or perhaps My Hope Is Built.*

INTERCESSIONS

(assigned parts)

FotW & JW/PO (alt)

*Using these words **or others**, pray as a group
for the needs of friends, family, the church, our community, and the larger world.
This is an aid to worship. Spontaneous prayers are a good way to pray as well!
One approach may be to assign each area of prayer to a different participant.*

*We offer our prayers, knowing that we are children and heirs of God,
and that God's Spirit bearing witness with our spirit, and assists us in our prayers.*

For the international community ...

*Loving God, we have also marred human relationships
by emphasizing our differences and disagreements
at the expense of our commonalities and connections.
We pray that you will give us new understandings
and ways of living with one another:
doing the slow work of peace
rather than turning to the quick response of war;
receiving our various languages and colors
as enrichments rather than deficits;
caring for the least and the lost; not as unwanted burdens
but as welcome companions in your great household.
*Specific Concerns may be named... such as Palestine... etc**

*We pray for our nation.
We pray for renewed commitments to our common life.
Refresh us in the values of your heart:
justice, righteousness, compassion, mercy, peace.
Help us to find a unity of purpose as citizens and neighbors.
*Specific Concerns may be named... such as race relations, election concerns,
the events of Jan 6, voter suppression efforts, progress in vaccination, ... etc**

For the Body of Christ, the Church...

*We pray for your church in places near and far.
May the waters of your grace continually refresh
and empower us to extend the love of Jesus to all people.
We pray for the United Methodist Church,
across the nation and around the world.
for the clarity of our witness and the success of our mission.
*Specific Concerns may be named... such as New Appointments ... Conferences,
things that have been in the news, etc**

For those needing healing...

We are frequently overwhelmed by the needs
around us and within us.
Some need healing, some need encouragement,
some need comfort, some need assurance,
we all need hope.

So we turn to you asking you to hear our prayers
and grant what we need for the living of these days.

Specific Concerns may be named... special needs of which you are aware...

For the natural world ...

God of Creation, you set us in a verdant place
and gave us everything needful for an abundant life.

Yet we have marred your good creation.

We pray for the renewal of creation
as we seek to live more responsibly within it.

Make us better stewards than we as yet have been
of water, soil, and air.

Teach us how to live in ways that honor
the habitats of every living thing.

*Specific Concerns may be named, such as the rainforests, species in danger of extinction,
or specific environment pollution concerns...*

For those who are suffering ...

Renewing God, we know so well that human life is fragile.
We see in our own bodies how illnesses and infirmities afflict us.

Because you shared our human life,
we come before you to ask for healing, recovery,
and an end to pain and suffering.

Within our community, we remember before you
those in need of your care and ours. . . .

Specific Concerns may be named...

Within our own families and circles of friends,
we lift up the those persons who are in pain. . . .

Specific Concerns may be named...

For ourselves, as the hands and feet of Christ ...

We pray for our congregation,
for our life together and for our efforts to follow in the way of Jesus.

We are grateful, O God, that though our bodies fail us,
you renew us spiritually day by day
so that we never outlive our usefulness to you.

No need, no person, is ever hidden from you or beyond your reach to save.

Remember those we have overlooked,
those whom we have forgotten or forsaken,
and those who have wandered away from you.

Restore them, we pray, and restore us, too, until we are all your family again.

Hear us. Hold us. Heal us. Help us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
we now pray the words Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UNISON

***Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.***

ANTHEM *Optional - as your situation permits*

Be Still My Soul,

Dear Church Family, I have chosen "Be Still My Soul" as the anthem for this week. I sent this YouTube to you over a year ago, May 8, 2020, and I wanted to share it again as it is such a beautiful and inspirational version of this hymn. This accappella group brings these special words deep into our hearts. When I sent this a year ago, none of us would have ever believed that we still would not be completely free from this pandemic a year later; but as this hymn says, "Be still my soul, the Lord is on your side," and we know things are getting better, and we will get through this with our prayers and the Lord by our side. Peace be with you, Cathy and Clark

***If you have not already done so,
make sure that the Bread and Juice are ready for Holy Communion.
This will be at the conclusion of the Live Stream today.***

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP RESOURCES - TIME/SITUATION PERMITTING

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Listen to the Scripture video, in the playlist,
or have members of the group read them for the group... translations of your choosing.*
1 Samuel 8:4–20 or Genesis 3:8–15 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1
Psalms 138 or Psalm 130 Mark 3:20–35

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Listen to the Announcements video, in the playlist,
Take note of any other announcements that also should be shared
and inform the pastor as soon as may be practical. (Zoom, Email, Text, Phone...)*

HYMN *Use one of the hymns in the playlist,
such as perhaps You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord,
or Am I a Soldier of the Cross
or Of the Father's Love Begotten

or use another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.*

Get some coffee or other refreshments as time and opportunity present.

*Remember that, while for vaccinated individuals the CDC says we can do this again,
that does not mean we should or must. Handle this sensitively and wisely within your particular group.*

Then, at 9:30 - Start the YouTube - Live Stream

"PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY"

ORDER OF WORSHIP II

LIVE-STREAM

JUNE 6, 2021

9:30AM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INTERLUDE/PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 138:1, 3, 8;

FotW

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER

(UNISON)

Ps. 130:2-5; FotW

**We are waiting, O God, to hear your Word,
for in your Word is our hope.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we hear your voice**

and be attentive to what you will say to us today.

In the name of Christ, we ask this and all things. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

PRAYER

JW/PO

**Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit
that we might hear what you would have us hear
and be who you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

SERMON

PRAYER

2 Cor. 4:13-5:1

FotW

**Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us,
to turn us away from the temporary
and move us to your eternal love
made visible in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(UNISON)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JW/PO & ForW

Who are Christ's brothers and sisters?

Those who do the will of God.

*Loving God, loving neighbor, we share what we have
as members of the household of Christ.*

*With gratitude for God's faithfulness and
with thanksgiving for all that we have received,*

*we continue to worship the Lord
through our gifts of talents, tithes, and ourselves.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(responsive)*

PwJS

*We present our offerings
in the name of Abba, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Triune God, who mothers us all,

bless and multiply these gifts

as they join with those across the United Methodist family

to bring peace with justice to all of your children. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

ForW (alt)

Invitation to the Table

Our Practice is an "Open Table"

*Jesus calls all people to sit at table with him:
the sick and the uncertain, the weak and the poor,
the Pharisees and tax collectors.*

*From north and south and east and west he calls us
to come and sit at this table.*

This is a foretaste of the kingdom of God.

*On a night long ago, when Jesus sat at table with his disciples,
they thought they were the hosts and he the guest.*

*But then he broke the bread,
and their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
The guest became the host;
the foolish one was revealed as Wisdom.
To this table, to this banquet of Wisdom, he calls us again.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive

*The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God. ...
At last you emptied yourself of power
and came to us as the child of Mary,
holy God in frail and human flesh.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

*You are holy, O God of power and might, ...
Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim together the mystery of faith:*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

(Extemporaneous, by the Pastor)

Designated person in your small groups, participating as will be directed for you.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit...

*Come, then, life-giving Spirit, brood over these bodily things
ourselves, and these physical gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine.
May we know the real presence of Christ,
in... under... through... these gifts, even now.
Make us into one body with Christ,
that we, who are baptized into his death, may walk in newness of life;
that what is sown in dishonor may be raised in glory
and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.
May we become living signs of of your kingdom, here and now,
with justice, wholeness, well-being - peace, for all God's children.*

**We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.**

The Bread of Life, and the Cup of Salvation. (Repeat for each recipient in your group)

Receive them with praise and thanksgiving for God's grace.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Participate in receiving these gifts of grace, during this prayerful hymn.

Amazing Grace

Rick-Hymnal 378-Lyrics-6v.mp4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

2 Cor. 4:16–5:1

FotW

God of days, we praise your name,
 for your grace sustains us.
 We wait for you, Lord,
 for your word strengthens us.
 Our outer nature is wasting away day by day,
 but our inner nature is being renewed
 by your daily bread.
 Grant us the eyes to see what cannot be seen
 and to gaze on what is eternal.
 May we revel in your work
 and be a visible witness of your invisible kingdom.
 In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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PwJS and JW/PO

*Let us go into the coming week,
 trusting that God is with us and for us in every place.
 Go into the world, Led by the Spirit,
 Glimpse the image of God revealed in each person
 and Offer our siblings the peace of Christ
 Reflecting his love and justice as we celebrate our family reunion.
 May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God
 and the companionship of the Holy Spirit
 be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore.*

Amen.

*Share the peace of Christ with one another
 and I hope to see you in Zoom*

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

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*If you have not already had opportunity,
 you may wish to view the other materials uploaded for today
 The other scripture lessons (we only used one of them in this worship segment)
 The weekly announcements
 Other Music Videos, including the link for one recommended by Cathy,
 and one of the others that I am recommending for Psalm 23.*

Zoom Fellowship at 11am

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Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary

Week of June 6, 2021

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LECTIONARY

1 Samuel 8:4–20
Psalm 138

or Genesis 3:8–15
or Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1
Mark 3:20–35

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

As we age, we can see how our physical bodies do indeed suffer the wear and tear of life (“our outer nature is wasting away,” as Paul puts it in 2 Cor. 4:16).

Yet Paul says it is possible for our “inner nature” to be renewed every day.

In your life, what contributes to your renewal?

How are you being prepared “for an eternal weight of glory” (2 Cor. 4:16–18)?

What unseen assurances of God’s eternal glory are given to you this week?

MORNING PRAYERS:

Morning has broken, loving God—the shards of light
scattering the long darkness of night.

Help me to carry into this day the sure knowledge of
your forgiveness, steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

May I do your will in all my daily interactions
so that your grace extends to more and more people.

I begin in thanksgiving, your glory all around. Amen.

God of the morning, awaken us to know that
to be resurrected with Jesus means to die with Christ first.

May we recognize you in every moment so that whatever we do,
we do for your glory, through Jesus Christ, our way, truth, and life. Amen.

EVENING PRAYERS:

Spirit of God, come as the evening breeze,
carrying away the cares and little failings of this day.

Help me put to rest the worries I have,
the lists I keep, the regrets I weigh.

You know me through and through—
I cannot hide from you.

May I lie down tonight covered
in your forgiveness and love and redemption,
and dream of things eternal.

I pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

God, all through this day you have
watched over me on the streets of my busy schedule,
nourished me with blessings that I cannot count.

And still your faithfulness does not sleep nor slumber,
but continues even when the sun goes down.

What a blessing to dwell in your presence!

In your presence, I lay down today’s burden and take rest.

In your presence, may I rise to hear your voice. Amen.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini

06-12 June 2021

More may be found here: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

Give thanks for:

- ✓ *the rich biodiversity of plants and animals and of mineral resources in this region*
- ✓ *the faithful witness of churches throughout the world during apartheid and how people of different races and lifestyles have come together since then*
- ✓ *the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and others to bring healing from the atrocities committed*
- ✓ *how South Africa has made antiretroviral drugs accessible to all with HIV and AIDS.*

Pray for:

- ✓ *protection of resources for the good of all rather than their exploitation for economic gain*
- ✓ *more democratic and transparent governance in these countries, at all levels*
- ✓ *effectively countering rape, sexual violence, and other crime*
- ✓ *adequate resources and changed attitudes for welcoming refugees in these countries.*

Prayers

Responsive prayer on poverty

(Based on extracts from statements on poverty by Diakonia's member churches. In: Pilgrimage of Hope © Diakonia Council of Churches 2009, Durban, South Africa.)

Loving God, we believe you are the God of the poor and that poverty includes being hungry, unemployed and orphaned, living on a pension or grant, meagre earnings for arduous and hazardous work, ill health, anxiety and stress and the absence of power, worsened for women by unequal gender relations.

Loving God, we hold up to you all those living in poverty.

We believe that God wants all people to live a dignified life and engage in meaningful work, that workers should receive fair wages, and that those who possess more resources and skills must share them in neighbourly love with those who have less.

Loving God, open our eyes to the deep needs of those who are poor.

We believe that the challenge of fighting poverty does not lie solely with governments, but that faith-based organisations are ideally positioned to address it, with their human and financial resources.

Loving God, challenge us to see ways in which we can work against poverty.

We renew our commitment to be in solidarity with the poor and to work against any form of injustice.

We commit ourselves to put our faith into action and to demonstrate our faith in practical ways, so that together we can overcome the scourge of poverty.

Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer and strengthen us in our commitment

Psalm 139

Lord, you have examined me and you know me.
You know everything I do;
from far away you understand all my thoughts.
You see me, whether I am confessing or denying you.
Even before I speak, you already know what I will say.
You are all around me on every side;
you protect me with your power.
Your knowledge of me is too deep,
for you knew me before I was born;
and this is beyond my understanding.
It is very dangerous to serve you in this world,
but where can I go to escape
from being the instrument of your peace?
What far place can I flee to, without confessing you?

If I withdraw myself into “neutrality”, you would be there;
if I go into my office to hide behind my typewriter, you would be there;
if I take refuge in the farthest country, away from the oppression of my people,
you would be there, to remind me of what I promised you.
I could ask the darkness of my pain and humiliation to cover me,
or the light of your love in my life to turn into darkness;
but even the night of my suffering dissolves in the light of your presence.

You created me in your image and loved me
even before my mother conceived me.
I praise you; what you do is so wonderful
and above our human understanding.

Examine me, O God, and change my mind;
test me, and clean my thoughts.
Start the revolution in my life, create me anew,
and guide me in the everlasting way.

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Prayer from South Africa

God, How wonderful it is, how pleasant,
to be healed of the corrosive disease of racism and separation;
and to live as your people together in harmony.
Your Spirit will then fill the hearts and the minds of all people.
Nobody will be judged any more on the basis of race or colour;
but all will be ruled with justice and integrity.
The war will end and the people together will rebuild the country.
There will be no reference to the colour of the skin,
for all will be regarded as the people of God,
the people created in your image.
And this will be the beginning of what you have promised –
the life that never ends.