

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 5, 2021

10:00am

Preparation for Worship

Liminal space is an inner state and sometimes an outer situation where we can begin to think and act in new ways. It is where we are betwixt and between, having left one room or stage of life but not yet entered the next. We usually enter liminal space when our former way of being is challenged or changed. It is a graced time, but often does not feel "graced" in any way. In such space, we are not certain or in control. This global pandemic is an example of an immense, collective liminal space.

- Richard Rohr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Offer Praise to God

PRELUDE An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.

- Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000 (*Chalice Hymnal*, No. 385, stanza 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come with us and worship God,

People: who has created and is creating,

Leader: who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

People: to reconcile and make new.

Leader: In times to come, we will tell our children:

People: once we were slaves, but now we are free;

Leader: once we were no people, but now we are God's people.

People: Out of death to resurrection,

Leader: out of chaos to rebirth,

People: out of doubt to faith.

All: We are God's people! Come with us and worship God!

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE NUGGETS Isaiah 43:18-19, Ephesians 1:3
James 1:2-3, Revelation 21:5

SERMON *Between Yesterday and Tomorrow: Sacred Time*

Rev. Dr. Jim Howard

MUSICAL OFFERING This Is a Day of New Beginnings George Neumark
(1621-1681)
Chalice Hymnal #518

Melissa Cook, soloist

Our Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (*insert*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Melissa Cook, soloist

COMMISSION

Leader: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,
let us remember the three great loves to which our
faith calls us:

**People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind; love
your neighbor as yourself; and love and care for
the earth and all that dwells therein.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE If You Will Trust in God to Guide You J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

If you will trust in God to guide you / and hope in God through all your ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide you, / and bear you through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love / builds on the rock that will not move.

- Georg Neumark, 1622, 1681, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
(*Chalice Hymnal*, No. 565, stanza 1)

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Ever faithful God,
how often we turn away from you,
yet you remain constant to us.
We run from you, but you call us back.
In our words and our deeds we dishonor you,
yet you still profess your love for us.
We cut ourselves off from you and from others,
but you will not let us go.
Forgive our faithless and fickle ways
and increase our gratitude,
that we might grow in faithfulness to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you;

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

SANCTUS *(sung by soloist)*

Holy! Holy! Holy! One God Almighty!

All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea!

Holy! Holy! Holy! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is Christ who comes to set us free!

PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using "debts")*

CALL TO THE SUPPER

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Leader: This is the bread of heaven, the body of Christ,
broken for you. Take and eat.

All: *Amen.*

Leader: This is the cup of blessing, the life of Christ, poured
out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Drink of it, all of you.

All: *Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at
your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and
send us forth into the
world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy
Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ISAIAH 43:18-19

- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

EPHESIANS 1:3

- ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in
the heavenly places,

JAMES 1:2-3

- ² My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any
kind, consider it nothing but joy, ³because you know that the
testing of your faith produces endurance;

Revelation 21:5

- ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I
am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for
these words are trustworthy and true.'