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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 10, 2020

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

11:00AM

### PREPARATION & ADORATION

OPENING HYMN

FOR EVERYONE BORN

“For Everyone Born”



1 For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man,	a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old,	a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just,	a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born,	clean wa - ter and	bread,
re - vis - ing the roles,	de - cid - ing the	share,
a voice to be heard,	a part in the	song,
a - bus - er, a - bused,	with need to for -	give,
to live with - out fear,	and sim - ply to	be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 Bsus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E Bsus E Bsus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

*Refrain*

B *All* E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B (E) *Fine* A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER

*Based on Divine Mother images in the Bible  
Written by Rev. Beth Waltemath, May 2020*

O Holy One, you are the Rock that bore us, the God that gave us birth.  
We place our feet upon your earth and feel grounded in your love.  
We breathe into our belly and center ourselves in your life force.

(Deuteronomy 32:18)

**May we too be bearers of life in a dying world.**

O Gracious Guide, you teach us how to walk and take us up in your arms.  
We feel your justice in our need to be brave;  
We yearn for your mercy in our need to hold and be held.

(Hosea 11:3-4)

**In our ignorance, we take baby steps, may we run boldly towards righteousness.**

O Realm of Remembrance, you nursed us from dependency to freedom,  
Even a taste of your grace in the gifts of the earth can bring us back to divine-human  
communion.  
As our hunger grows, we remember what we have forgotten -- that life is precious and  
interdependent.

(Isaiah 49:15)

**May we remember the suffering in a world growing callous to a growing death toll.**

O Wise Counsellor, you fed us with spiritual milk and weaned us to be compassionate  
through wisdom and grace.  
We breathe in your Spirit, gently clear the fearful chatter and shush the doubts, to find quiet  
in our souls and rest in your embrace.

(Psalm 131:2)

O Great Mother, you gather us together as one family like a hen with her brood  
We feel at once the frailty of our being and the lightness of your touch as hope settles on our  
shoulders like feathered wings.  
We long to be close to each other again. We long to feel sheltered not in place but in beloved  
community.

(Matthew 23:37)

**May we draw nearer to you, O God, and to all your children, through the warmth of our  
bodies in worship.**

**Praise You, O Mother of Heaven and Earth, Maker of the Universe, and Lullaby of Life  
and Eternal Rest.**

SILENT PRAYERS

*In the quiet, receive the love of God that is God's gift to you. Place your hand on your heart and  
feel the assurance that God's grace is meant for you.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christ, child of Love and seed of salvation, be with us now and in the hour of our need that we may be mothers to God and gardeners of grace. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*During the Passing of the Peace, share a sign of peace with others in your home and greet others who are worshipping online by writing messages in the comment/chat section.*

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Paul Vasile

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**PROCLAMATION**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ruth Cunningham

“Come, Light of Lights”

**Come, light of lights, into my heart.  
Come, wisdom of spirit, into my heart.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 10: 1– 28, 34-48

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. <sup>2</sup> He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. <sup>3</sup> One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” <sup>4</sup> Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. <sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup> He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

<sup>7</sup> When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. <sup>8</sup> He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup> About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup> He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. <sup>12</sup> It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. <sup>13</sup> Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

<sup>14</sup> “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

<sup>15</sup> The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

<sup>16</sup> This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

<sup>17</sup> While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. <sup>18</sup> They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

<sup>19</sup> While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup> So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”

<sup>21</sup> Peter went down and said to the men, “I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?”

<sup>22</sup> The men replied, “We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.” <sup>23</sup> Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. <sup>24</sup> The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup> As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. <sup>26</sup> But Peter made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.”

<sup>27</sup> While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. <sup>28</sup> He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Beloved Community: How True It Is*

Rev. Erin Reed Cooper

### **DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rob Schoonover

**Our Father [Mother] in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

MCKEE

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

arr. Charles Callahan

“Now Thank We All Our God”

### **NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:**

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