ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning—we are glad you are with us!

Worship Helps:

PRELUDE
GATHERING TONES
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP

In silent sanctuaries, in our homes or apartments, wherever we are in these moments of worship, early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.
During these days of isolation and worry, in this time of uncertainty and fear, Jesus challenges us with the possibility of faith.

Even in these times of physical distancing and caring for others, as well as ourselves, we can offer healing and hope to others.
In the shadowed evenings when fear lurks outside, and we long to hear the lullabies of grace, the Spirit is with us.

The Light of life shines on us from early morning until we say our prayers, comforting us in the shadows of sleep.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SONG

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23, NRSV, adapted hmw

God is my shepherd, I shall not want.
God makes me lie down in green pastures;
and leads me beside still waters;
God restores my soul.
God leads me in right paths ...
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
   I fear no evil; for you are with me;
       your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
   you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
   and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION                   Thom M. Shuman
In these days, when we have more time to be worried and fearful, God longs for us to sit by the
   still waters of love. But our isolation confuses us, our loneliness heightens our doubts, our
doubts seem to lessen our ability to be children of God. Let us bring our prayers to the One who
will restore us with goodness and mercy, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS
Like Cinderella, Loving God, we sit in the ashes of our hopes, but you see us as
   your beloved children. We pay strict attention to all who hoard but ignore the
opportunities we have to share with others. When we think you are like us, limited in
being able to move and act and live as we are, you continue to burst forth to bring
hope and newness into the world.

Have mercy on us, God of forgiveness, and open our eyes to your presence among us. As
you look at our hearts, may we see others in a different way, not as enemies or
strangers, but sisters and brothers of the same family, kin to Jesus Christ, our Lord
and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The Spirit of the Lord has come upon us, bringing hope, life, and forgiveness for each person.
Now we will go forth as God's children, sent to bring the good news to everyone we
meet. Amen.

THE PEACE          May the peace of God be with you. And also with you.
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE   Dona Nobis Pacem

REFLECTION          Rev. Heidi Weatherford

CONTEMPORARY READING  Canticle 23          Thom M. Shuman

God is the health care folk all around us:
   encouraging us to stay home; reminding us to wash our hands
   so we can help others be safe;
teaching us how to be mindful and watch over ourselves and others.

Even as we shelter in place, we will not give in to fear, for God is with us,
    in those who call us and care for us,
    in those who shop for us,
    and those who treat us.

Around a lonely table, in a houseful of family, in a hospital with strangers,
God feeds us with grace,
    pouring out hope upon us,
filling us with peace in sleepless nights.

I know, without any doubt, that God's gentleness and compassion
are walking right beside us,
    showing us the way home
    to the One who holds us
in Love's Heart forever.

HYMN  My Life Goes On in Endless Song
My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE DAY  Thom M. Shuman

One thing we know, Listener to our hearts:
    you are the One who journeys with us in these days of confusion,
    and who waits for us at our final destination.

One thing we know, Healer of our lives:
    when we find ourselves in valleys veiled in shadows,
    you are walking alongside us even though we may never notice.

One thing we know, Comforter of our souls:
    when we are weakened by the burdens of our lives, when fears disrupt our lives,
    you come to us, to rest your strengthening peace upon us.

Silence for additional prayers…. You are encouraged to say a prayer from where you are or add a prayer in the comments (please note: the comments are public, anyone can see these)

One thing we know, God in Community, Holy in One:
once we could not see you in every moment, but now our eyes are opened wide, and so, we pray together, saying,

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
McKinley traditional

Our Creator 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
Goodness is Stronger than Evil  
Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate.  
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.  
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MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND THANKSGIVING  
(for how to contribute to McKinley, see the back page of this bulletin)

For what are you thankful today? Where and how can you give back to God?

DOXOLOGY  
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!  

SENDING  
Now go take the love of God into the world.  
We will show others the way to God’s fields of grace.  
Now go to take grace of Jesus into the world.  
We will seek to bring others to the still waters of peace.  
Now go to take the community of the Spirit into the world.  
We will work to restore the lives of all whom we meet.  
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
This Little Light of Mine

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Today’s Service
Pastor ................................................................. Rev. Heidi Weatherford  
Today’s Worship Team... Mari McKeeth, Yohei and Asami Endo, Lara Hebert  
Associate Pastor ................................. Rev. Keith Harris  
Interim Director of Christian Education ... Sara McHenry  
Music Director/Organist.................................Yohei Endo
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KOREAN
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
빛으시고 채우소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.
Dona nobis pacem

Sim shalom
Rabbi habna salamann tamman

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (A)

*1
\[ \text{F} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{F} \quad \text{C} \]

Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.

Hebrew Sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom.

Arabic Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann tam - man.

*2

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*3

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

(G) (D) (A) (D)

\[ \text{B}^b \quad \text{F} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{F} \]

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Sim sha - lom a - lei - nu.

Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann.

*May be sung as a canon.

HEBREW
שומם שלום זלוה

ARABIC
رب هینا سلاما تامأا

رب هینا السلام.

Whether sung in Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, or any other language, there is no common human prayer deeper than the longing for peace: peace among people and peace in our hearts. The style of this familiar musical setting suggests that it dates from the late 18th or early 19th century.
821  My Life Flows On
How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
3 What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hailed a new creation.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

In the New York Observer of August 7, 1868, this text was titled “Always Rejoicing,” and was attributed to “Pauline T.” This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
8.7.8.7 with refrain
Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;

light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours

Oh, victory is ours; victory is

through God who loves us. us.

ours through God who loves us. us.

Recognizing that this text arose from the years of apartheid in South Africa adds depth and resonance to its already confident language. Yet these words can also be read as a summary of Christ's death and resurrection, the true basis of our hope that good will triumph over evil.

TEXT: Desmond Tutu, c. 1994
MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1996
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