

Order of Worship April 18, 2021

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting Sam Brown

We have gathered in God's holy presence,

the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,

not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;

we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

Let us respond in faith!

Opening Hymn

How Majestic Is Your Name

TFWS 2023

Lauren Smith, Mike Bannach, Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Opening Prayer

For Courage to Do Justice

Jane Dixon

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others

Open my ears that I may hear their cries;

Open my heart so that they need not be without succor;

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,

Nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,

And use me to bring them to those places.

And so open my eyes and my ears

That I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

Scripture Micah 6:1-8 Fran Underwood

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon The Bible Tells Me So

God's Expectations

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Personal Reflection Pam Gibert

Offering Prayer Jane Dixon

Generous God,

through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. And you call us to follow Your example to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Continue to write your law of love on our hearts.

Give us an unwavering passion for justice,
a boundless spirit of generosity,
and a tenacious faith that will not rest
until those who are hungry are fed,
those who are oppressed find relief,
and those who are outsiders find a welcome. Amen.

Special Music I Will Joyfully Sing McDonald

Youth Choir

Prayer Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Hymn Bring Forth the Kingdom TFWS 2190

Benediction Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

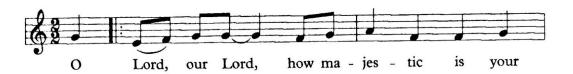
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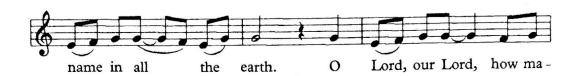
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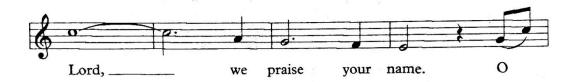
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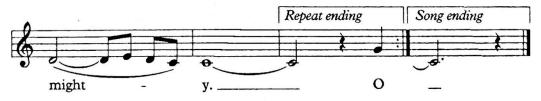












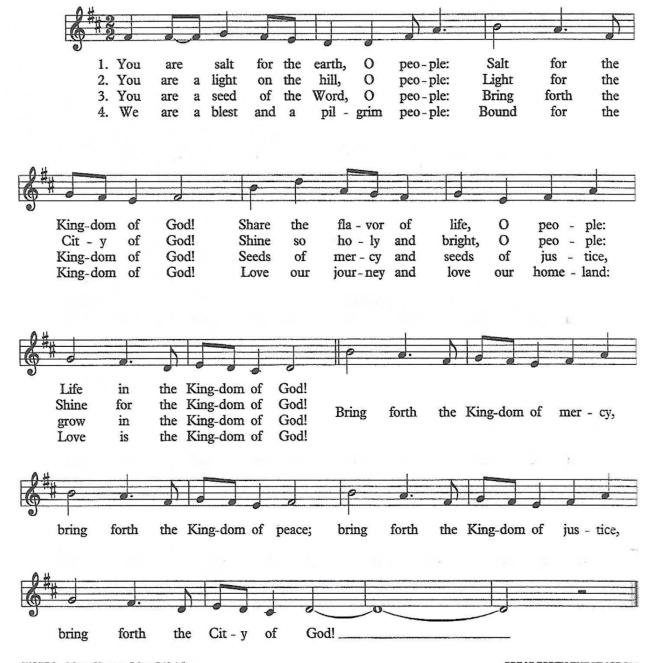
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Bring Forth the Kingdom



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Greeting: Thom Shuman http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/
Opening prayer by Alan Paton, South Africa, United Methodist Hymnal #456
Offering prayer adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst
Intercessory Prayer adapted from a prayer by Ruth Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds., Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship