

Order of Worship May 9, 2021

Welcome Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting Emery Parker

What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

What does God command of us?
To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

God does not call us to ease or to comfort, but to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

Opening Hymn

Joy of the Lord

Opening Prayer Gary White

Precious Jesus, lover of all humankind, be with us today as we worship. Righteous God, help us to hear your Word so that we may be forever changed. Holy Spirit, fill us with the strength and courage to do the hard work of fighting for peace and justice in this world. Triune God, fill us with that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.

Anthem Precious Lord Dorsey, arr. Hemphill

Nilse and Sean Gilliam; Chancel Choir

Scripture Deuteronomy 10 (selected verses)

Sermon The Bible Tells Me So

The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe
General Secretary

General Board of Church & Society of the United Methodist Church

Personal Reflection Ed Betts

Offering Prayer Gary White

O God,

accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us.

May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen

Special Music Justice, Justice Cotler and Marx

Chancel Choir arr. Frazier

Prayer Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Our Father who art in heaven,

How blissful it is to imagine heaven on earth...

but our world faces so many challenges.

Hunger and poverty continue unabated,

the pandemic rages in many lands,

and wars seem unending,

as conflict between nations and peoples persists.

God, grant to us the experience of heaven here on earth.

Hallowed be your name.

Your name is holy, your people are holy.

You created us in your image,

and you love us with an everlasting love.

We pray for those whose dignity is diminished

By those who would forget that you are their Creator.

May all people be allowed to live into their full measure as children of the Living God,

holy, and blessed and beloved.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

We know that your kingdom is a kingdom of love, justice and of peace... a kingdom of abundance for all.

Do not allow us to be deceived by the standards of this world,

where unjust wars destroy and colonizers become rulers of the nations.

Let your will be done soon,

and vanish the false kingdom of empire power,

until we can finally say, heaven is possible here on earth.

Give us this day our daily bread,

The bread that we eat today satisfies our hunger,

but those who make the bread in many countries have empty stomachs.

How can we be happy when our body is full while many are wanting?

Burden our hearts with the need for others to be nourished.

May our daily bread be the communion of struggle and hope,

and be the bread that is shared by all.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Holy God, we look inward and see our wrong-doing.

When we have not loved You and our neighbor,

renew us and enable us to make up that which we have failed to do.

Give us hearts that can share your grace by forgiving others.

May we be sustained in our courage,

that we will hold accountable those who have wronged,

exploited and oppressed your people.

Your grace is sufficient,

and by that grace we can know strength and healing and forgiveness.

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

Let us not falter in our work for justice and peace.

Keep us from all cynicism,

and grant us steadfast hearts to overcome evil in our midst.

For the kingdom,

and the power

and the glory are yours forever.

This we believe.

Let your power of love and the glory of justice and peace

be with us all forever and ever.

Amen.

Hymn

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

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Benediction

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Postlude

Prelude in C Major

Saint-Saëns

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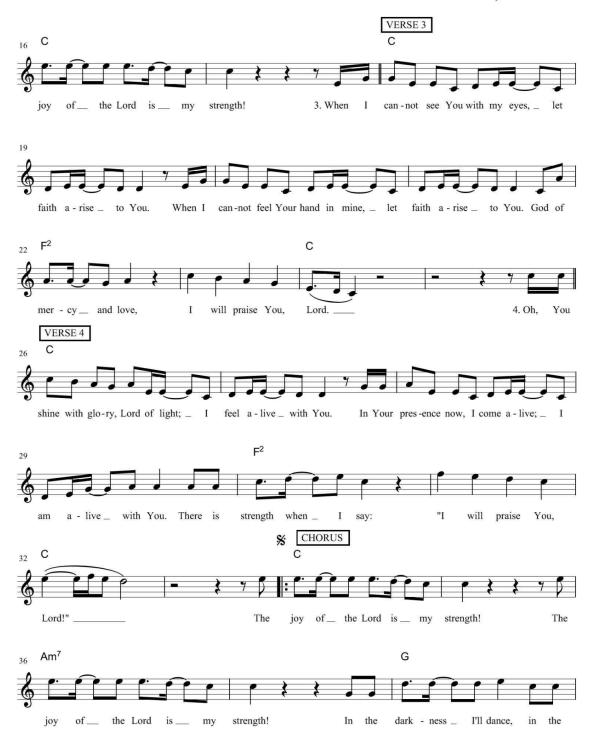
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Meet Our Guest Preacher! Click <u>here</u> to read about The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe. Opening prayer from A Collection of Prayers for Peace, 2004
Offering prayer written by Moira Laidlaw
Intercessory prayer: adapted from a prayer by Norma P. Dollaga

Joy Of The Lord

Words and Music by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson and Ed Cash

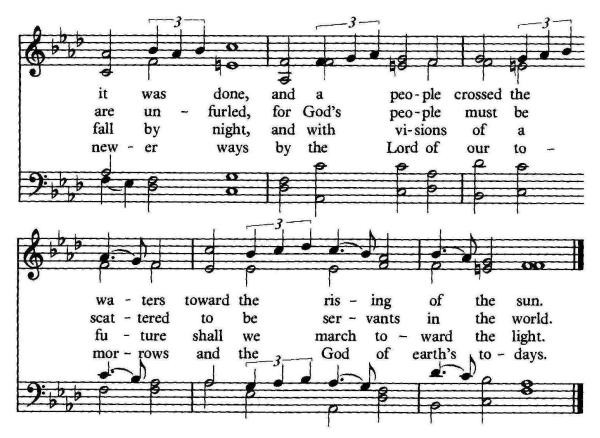






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