

Order of Worship
Sunday, August 18, 2019

“The most radical thing any of us can do at this time is to be fully present to
what is happening in the world.”

Johanna Macy, Buddhist Activist and Scholar

Welcome & Announcements

News of the Church Alive, Joys and Concerns of the Faith Community

Centering Time

CALL TO WORSHIP

Excerpts from the *Jewish Talmud*
And *Albert Einstein*

We all have reasons why we don't do the things we say we want to.

Our minds and hearts know the person we want to be and the life we want to live, but it seems awesomely difficult sometimes to put that knowledge into practice.

If you want to see a change, there is no substitute for action.

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's problems.

Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.

You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

You have to color outside of the box once in a while if you want to make your life a masterpiece.

OPENING HYMN

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Lyrics and music: Gordon Light, 1995
LicenSing Online 62103

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body, and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

SHARING OF PEACE

In the name of the ONE who is the Prince of Peace, may peace be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Godly Play and Joyful Path....
Middle-School Youth are dismissed to Everyday Leaders

THEME READING 1:

“Prayer for Justice” *Rebecca Sutton, Program
Coordinator of Global Women’s Exchange, 2013.*

Pray for those who are hungry.

Pray harder for those who will not feed them.

Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.

Pray for those who are homeless.

Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.

Pray for the sick and lonely.

Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.

Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

Pray harder for those who will not listen.

Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

Pray harder for those who exploit them.

Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.

Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy and ignore those bound unjustly.

Let us remain always in prayer as we recommit ourselves to works of compassion and justice

THEME READING 2

~Trevor Noah, 2019
Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood

“We live in a world where we don’t see the ramifications of what we do to others because we don’t live with them. It would be a whole lot harder for an investment banker to rip off people with subprime mortgages if he actually had to live with the people he was ripping off. If we could see one another’s pain and empathize with one another, it would never be worth it to us to commit the crimes in the first place.”

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“XXXXXXXXXX”

CHRISTIAN READING:

Unstoppable Widow, Luke 19:1-8

Jesus said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’

Sermon:

“We Feel You!”

Rev. Don Ludwig

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

“When the Poor Ones”

Hymn # 762

Prayers

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.

A Time of Offering

Invitation to Give

Music for Offering

Doxology

Through all our living, we are our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering

When we are giving, or when receiving,

We belong to God.

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Hymn # ????:

“Song of Hope” (sung twice)

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new, Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.*

Blessing and Sending Forth

Music for Sending Forth