

Order of Worship - Welcoming Sunday - September 20, 2020

Prelude *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Will Burhans and Rev. Judy Arnold

Opening Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* New Century Hymnal, #425

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer Psalm 23 (from Iona Community) Members of the Choir

The Lord's Prayer

A Time for the Young Jake Greenberg

Scripture Exodus 16:2-15 Liturgist: Andy Spiegel
Matthew 20:1-16 Liturgist: Susan Sawyer

Sermon Rev. Will Burhans

Anthem *Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls* [2006] Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)
Jane Ring Frank, piano Jeffrey Mead, organ

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Judy Arnold

Offertory *Moderato* J. C. H. Rinck (1770-1846)

Closing Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table* New Century Hymnal, #332

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast,
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least,
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Benediction

Kathleen Zagata

Postlude

Gloria - 1er Couplet. Et in terra Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Rev. Judy Arnold, Associate Pastor,

Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness, Jacob Greenberg, Interim Director Faith Formation Children & Youth

Thanks to Daniel Khudyak who is our contract video editor!

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Link to the Creation Care Voter Challenge:

<https://sneucc-reg.brtaapp.com/CreationCareVoterPledge>

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Suzanne White, Mother-in-law of Megan Scipione's sister, and her family, for peace and comfort. Her cancer has returned and is in hospice now.

Elizabeth Thompson and her friends and family. Elizabeth had a stroke in June and has been declining. She is in the nursing facility at Brookhaven.

California friends, families, frontline volunteers & firefighters and the loss of old-growth forests.

Kurt Rosenberger and family, for safety in the midst of the CA fires.

Glenn McPherson, Tony McPherson's brother, for healing as he awaits a kidney transplant.

Family and friends of Polly Keppler, in their grief.

Marie Flannery, friend of Lisa Loughlin and Julie O'Hara, that her doctors can find a way to access the mass wrapped around her organs. And that her spirits stay high as she waits.

Jane Ring Frank and Stephen Cole, for healing.

Sarah Hebb Carpenter, for successful surgery and healing.

A prayer of mourning for all those who have died of COVID19, as Renée Graham described them in The Globe on 5/12/2020 they are: "...health care workers, military veterans, doting grandparents, church folk, Holocaust survivors, a man who helped liberate a concentration camp, cancer survivors, bikers, lawmakers, grocery store workers, neurobiologists, barbers, meat plant workers, accountants, truck and bus drivers, security guards and educators."

For all the Black Lives that have been extra-judicially and violently extinguished.

Olivia, for healing and help finding her way back to recovery.

All of the front line healthcare workers and first responders, for their safety.

Rev. Lucy Sanders, for healing.

Bruce Lauterwasser, for continued healing.

Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother, For stabilization & relief from pain; and comfort for her family.