

Passing of the Plate

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Amen.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION

Let these offerings become seeds taking root in love and justice. Let these seeds become harvests of liberation for all of us. Let these harvests become offerings toward the slow work of healing and transformation. Amen.

***SONG** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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BENEDICTION

SUNG "Amen" (feel free to clap along!)

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Bold- Words in bold are said in unison.

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Warm Birthday wishes go out to:

Aggie Feliciano March 2nd

Robert Ryan March 6th

Michael Hinkley March 10th

Tiffany (Sontag) McElroy March 22nd

Meghann (Noonan) Pagliarini March 31st

Laura Allen March 6th

Gabby Turcotte March 7th

Jake Poulin March 15th

Tim Reilly March 25th

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to:

Ron & Sue Oja March 20th

Prayers Today were adapted from "Ripe for Harvesting": Service Prayers for Lent 3A was written by Dr. Sharon R. Fennema who serves as a free-range facilitator, ritualist, activist, teacher, and writer whose work lives at the intersections of race, gender, sexuality and embodied spiritual practices. She is a founding member of the Liberating Lineages Collective.

*For all joys and concerns mentioned in the Pastor's Tuesday email.
Remember in your prayers our special members: June and Edie K.*

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

Good morning! Those who are able please stand and join me in the:

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: In our bones, there are lineages; we carry the seeds of division and the seeds of connection.

People: Look around you and see how the fields are ripe. We are called to prayer the reaps with honesty and awareness, what our ancestors have sown.

Leader: In our cells, there are lineages; we carry the genes of harm and the genes of flourishing. Look around you and see how we are part of one another.

People: We are called to devotion that holds with tenderness and justice what our ancestors have enfleshed.

Leader: In our sanctuaries, there are lineages; we carry the kernels of domination and the kernels of interdependence.

People: We are called to praise that tills with care and clarity what our ancestors have composted.

Leader: In our nation, there are lineages; we carry the marrow of chains and the marrow of freedom. Look around you and see how beneath us the water of life flows.

People: We are called to worship that thirsts with passion and courage for what our ancestors have dreamed.

***SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE**

“Gather Us In”

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Please join me in the: *PRAYER of the DAY

Into the stream of those who have labored before us, Spirit, let us flow. Into the river that rolls down with justice, Spirit, let us step. Into the well that is deeper than our division, Spirit, let us draw. In this moment, in every moment, we pray: give us this water, Jesus, so we will never be thirsty again. Amen.

***AFFIRMING and CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: “Peace be with You”**

Twice.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen. *(Be seated)*

Moment for All God’s Children

Lord’s Prayer Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***SONG “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

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Today’s first scripture is Psalm chapter 95

SCRIPTURE Psalm 95 (Common English Version)

PRAYER of TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, long histories and deep lineages of animosity and pain and oppression swirled under their feet. Deep and ancient divisions trained them to see each other only as “enemy.” But in their dance of testing and trust-building, openness and truth-telling, vulnerability and transparency, something new came into being between them. In this moment, as we seek transformation and new life, as we practice repentance or turning around, let us enter this dance and see how honesty and humility can bridge what separates us from each other and God. (Time of silent reflection)

WORDS OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

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Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE John 4: 5-42 (Common English Version)

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

