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**Worship**

October 22, 2023  
Monteith Hall

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# WELCOME

## We're glad you're here!

Welcome to this new worship gathering! This Fall we will be experimenting in this service for 12 weeks, trying out new liturgical patterns and exploring ways of being more participatory, responsive, and intergenerational in our expressions of worship. Join us as we listen for the Holy Spirit and try new things! No two weeks will be exactly alike, but each service will seek to help us encounter God in meaningful ways. Join us on the journey!

## Ways to Give

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

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# WORSHIP

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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*\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service,  
please rise in body or spirit.*

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Side A: When the way is difficult and dangerous,

Side B: let us still choose what is good and just.

Side A: When evil comes to break us down and break us apart,

Side B: let us still choose to carry on with each other.

Side A: When power from on high strikes fear in our hearts,

Side B: let us still choose the courage to persist.

All: For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us, will not be overcome.

\*OPENING HYMN 773

"Heaven Shall Not Wait"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, forgive us when we are slow to love, hesitant to forgive, and eager to wait until circumstances are ideal to reach out with love to our neighbors. Help us to witness the urgency of your kingdom. Call to us in the midst of our present imperfection and help us to act with justice and love.**

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you pass the peace, you are invited to share an answer to the question "Who is someone who has helped you hear or understand a call from God?"

\*RESPONSE 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Spirit of the Living God"  
(sung, Hymn 288)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:27-32

SERMON

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
AND THE 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. Amen.**

## SENDING

CLOSING HYMN

"Your Peace Will Make Us One"

To the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," re-written by Audrey Assad

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down our swords  
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured  
Your peace will make us one

I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light  
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night  
Your gentle love is patient, you will never fade or tire  
Your peace will make us one.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
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*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Your peace will make us one*

In the beauty of the lilies, you were born across the sea  
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring  
Dismantling our empires 'til each one of us is free  
Your peace will make us one Chorus (2x)

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING ...We go out in peace,

**To love, to serve, to imagine.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

