

# Celtic Evensong and Communion

TRINITY United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 25, 2020, 5 P.M.



## Welcome and Announcements

Eileen Gilmer

## Prelude

*Doon the Brae*

Trad. Scottish

## A Prayer for the Evening

Keith Lee

Beckoning God, just as you have done throughout the ages,  
move in our lives,  
inviting us to journey to unknown territory,  
to listen for your voice,  
and to speak your prophetic word  
in a world that does not want to hear.  
Empowered by your Spirit,  
grant us the courage we need  
to journey, trust, listen, speak,  
and accept your commission  
to be your faithful servant people.  
**Amen.**

## Call to Worship

Lee

Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God. In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed. You are our hiding place, O Lord; You preserve us from trouble, surround us with glad cries of deliverance, and offer your healing grace without end. Be with us as we worship you. We come here this day with hearts open, ready to receive your peace.

## Prayers of Intercession

Neil Hough

Friends in Christ,  
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers  
as dear to us as our own needs.  
Loving our neighbors as ourselves,  
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions  
on behalf of the church and the world. Let's join together in prayer.

For any and all who mourn this day: May they feel your comfort.

For those who face financial uncertainty, go hungry or feel alone: May they feel the power and presence of your Spirit to face better and more certain days.

For those on the front lines during this pandemic: May they be protected from all danger and may they sense the gratitude from all in their care.

For all who feel the weight of injustice and oppression: Lord, in your mercy, unite us. May we never forget we are all your children, equally loved by an awesome Creator.

Redeeming Sustainer,  
visit your people  
and pour out your strength and courage upon us,  
that we may hurry to make you welcome  
not only in our concern for others,  
but by serving them  
generously and faithfully in your name.  
**Amen.**

**Musical Response**

*Alleluia*

**Hebrew Bible Reading**

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20

Gilmer

I cried out to God for help;  
I cried out to God to hear me.  
When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;  
at night I stretched out untiring hands,  
and I would not be comforted.  
I will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.  
I will consider all your works  
and meditate on all your mighty deeds.  
Your ways, God, are holy.  
What god is as great as our God?  
You are the God who performs miracles;  
you display your power among the peoples.  
With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,  
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.  
The waters saw you, God,  
the waters saw you and writhed;  
the very depths were convulsed.  
The clouds poured down water,  
the heavens resounded with thunder;  
your arrows flashed back and forth.  
Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,  
your lightning lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and quaked.  
Your path led through the sea,  
your way through the mighty waters,  
though your footprints were not seen. You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**Music for Reflection**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

Haugen

**Reflection**

*Healing Through Remembering*

Eileen Gilmer

**Music for Meditation**

*Come Healing*

Cohen & Leonard

**Reading**

*Here's to the Bridge Builders*

Hough

Here's to the bridge-builders,  
the hand-holders, the light-bringers,  
those extraordinary souls  
wrapped in ordinary lives  
who quietly weave threads of humanity  
into an inhumane world.  
They are the unsung heroes  
in a world at war with itself.  
They are the whisperers of hope  
that peace is possible.  
Look for them in this present darkness.  
Light your candle with their flame.  
And then go.  
Build bridges. Hold hands.  
Bring light to a dark  
and desperate world.  
Be the hero you've been looking for.

-L.R.Knost

**Blessing**

Lee

The Triune God ~ Creator, Redeemer, and Living Spirit ~ is with you, today and every day, forever and always. May this bring you confidence and peace.  
**Amen.**

**Postlude**

*Day by Day*

Schwartz

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