

GROWING IN A PURPOSEFULNESS

July 19, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Union Church in Waban Summer Services



PRELUDE “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” *arr. Mark Hayes*

CALL TO WORSHIP "I Will Never Be The Same Again" *Hillsong*

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Stacy Swain

REFLECTION ON THE MUSIC Gerry Elion

OPENING HYMN “Leave it in the hands of the Lord” *Sebastian Temple*

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Leave it in the hands of the Lord.
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Chorus:
Do not worry over what to eat,
What to wear or put upon your feet,
Trust and pray, go do your best today,
Then leave it in the hands of the Lord.
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The lilies of the field,
They do not spin nor weave,
Yet Solomon was not arrayed like one of these.
The birds of the air,
They do not sow or reap,
But God tends to them,
Like a shepherd tends his sheep.
(Chorus)

The Lord will guide you in his hidden way,

Show you what to do
And tell you what to say.
When you pray for rain,
Go build a dam to store;
Ev'ry drop of water
You have asked him for.
(Chorus)

The Lord knows all your needs before you ask.
Only trust in him,
For he will do the task
Of bringing in your life
Whatever you must know,
He'll lead you through the darkness
Wherever you must go.
(Chorus)

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GRACE

Nathan Patti

Creator, Redeemer, Sustaining God. We ask your grace be upon us this day. We want to love you with our whole hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves, but sometimes find it hard to do so.

So shine the light of your love into our lives, we pray. Guide us and renew us. Help us to more fully experience your grace so that we may be beacons of hope, sources of comfort, fountains of inspiration, and ambassadors of your love, in this beautiful but wounded world. We pray all of this in the name of Love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***THE GREETING OF PEACE**

Leader: May God's Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55: 8-13

Joanne Walker

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off

Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

SERMON

“Today’s trouble is enough for today”

Rev. Stacy Swain

REFLECTING TOGETHER

HYMN

“Make me a Channel of your Peace”

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

A TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Stacy Swain

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And with thy spirit.

One: Let us begin our prayer in silence.

Prayers of the People**THE LORD'S PRAYER (TRESPASSES)**

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Draw Me Close To You”

arr. Donnie McClurkin

SERVICE OF SHARING

Nathan Patti

OFFERTORY

“Happy The Man”

Sebastian Temple

***DOXOLOGY (Together)**

All people who on Earth do dwell, sing out to God with cheerful voice,
serve God with mirth, whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together)**

**Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude, so that all
whose lives they touch may know the grace and power of your love. Amen.**

SHARING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY

Rev. Stacy Swain

***CLOSING HYMN**

“You Shall Go Out With Joy”

*Steffi Geiser Rubin, and
Stuart Dauermann*

You Shall Go Out With Joy
And Be Led Forth With Peace
And The Mountains And The Hills
Shall Break Forth Before You
There'll Be Shouts Of Joy,
And The Trees Of The Field
Shall Clap, Shall Clap Their Hands

And The Trees Of The Field
Shall Clap Their Hands
The Trees Of The Field
Shall Clap Their Hands
The Trees Of The Field
Shall Clap Their Hands
While You Go Out With Joy
(REPEAT)

BENEDICTION

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