



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RACINE

Sunday, July 5, 2020

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### POEM

*Pat Badger*

"Saying Our Names"

*by Marianne Murphy Zarzana*

Notice how just one syllable -  
say Jack - can expand and become  
the world, round and whole,  
when it is a child's name  
being formed by a mother's mouth.

I've overheard women in stores and airports  
restaurants and trains, sprinkling their talk  
with the name of a brand new baby or  
a grown child - Morgen, Hora  
Michael, Kyle, Joseph, Ava-Rose.

They sing each vowel and consonant  
so the name stands out, resonates,  
a pure bell, whether the tone struck  
is a major key, proud and strong,  
or a diminished minor note.

Sometimes, when my daughter catches  
her own name, Elaine May, part of a story  
I am telling a sister over the phone,  
later she'll ask, quasi-annoyed,  
were you talking about me?

Yes, endlessly, shamelessly, I tell stories  
about you. I say those fluid syllables,  
chosen for the meaning - light -  
and to honor your grandmothers,  
chosen discarding countless names.

Yes, I say them again and again and wonder  
at the world they have become. Is this  
how God says our names? Is this why sometimes  
when I hear the wind rustling through the trees,  
I turn and listen?

PRELUDE

*"Amazing Grace" Early American Melody  
(arr. By Cindy Berry, in the setting of Edvard Grieg's Morning Mood)  
Alejandro Alumbrreros*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,  
**and give thanks to God's holy name.**  
You have turned my mourning into dancing,  
**you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy.**  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
**but joy comes with the morning.**

OPENING HYMN

*"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"  
Mark Paffrath*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Elie Hunt*

Bless to us, O God, this day, fresh made.  
In the chorus of birds, bless us.  
In the scent of blossoms, bless us.  
In the wet grass and bright flowers, bless us.  
Bless us and heal us  
for we come to you in love and in trust.  
We come to you in expectant hope.  
**Heal us and your grieving world  
of all that harms.**  
**By the power of your Resurrection  
restore us to new life  
set us on new paths  
bring us from darkness to light  
help us to choose hope. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God forgive us, Christ renew us,  
and the Spirit enable us to live and grow in love.  
**Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Since God has made us the blessed community,  
the Church, let us greet one another,  
in whatever way we can,  
with the peace and joy of Christ.  
Peace and joy be with you.  
**And also with you.**

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION

*Nancy Buck, Choir Director*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Sleeper's Wake" by J. S. Bach  
Bell Choir—directed by Nancy Buck*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

*II Kings 2:8-14  
Elie Hunt  
Luke 9:51-62  
Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough*

SERMON

*"Passing the Mantle"  
Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"  
Alejandro Alumbremos*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*"Pachelbel meets U2" ("Canon in D" written by J Pachelbel  
"With or Without You" by Clayton, Evans, Henson & Mullen;  
arranged by Jon Schmidt and Steve Nelson)*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . . who forever proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*"How Beautiful" by Twila Paris  
Alejandro Alumbremos*

## GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

### CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”  
*Mark Paffrath*

### BENEDICTION

As you have been fed at this table  
go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free  
go to set free the imprisoned.  
As you have received--give.  
And the blessing which you have received  
from Creator, Son, and Spirit go with you.

### POSTLUDE

“Kum Ba Yah” *Traditional Spiritual*  
*Alejandro Alumbremos*

