



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, February 5, 2023)

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Prelude:

Dona Nobis Pacem

setting: Robert Powell

Sim shalom (Hebrew)

Rabbu habna salamann tamman (Arabic)

Grant Us Peace

In all languages, there is no common human prayer deeper than the longing for peace: peace among people and peace in our hearts.

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Vallerie Pringle, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here, yet we are one community.

At home with our families, at work or school or play, along ordinary paths, Jesus invites us to “come.”

Present with Christ and one another, we seek an experience of the Holy.

We respond with our whole heart, listening for the promise of God’s steadfast love and the invitation to be part of God’s family. Let us worship!

Opening Hymn: #744**"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer

Time with Children

(Pastor Emilee)

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

**Faithful One, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word.
Open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. For the sake of Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' 16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' 17 He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Gloriously Imperfect & Perfectly Called Rev. Emilee Williams

Hymn after Sermon: #726 "The Summons", v 1,4,5

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Call to offering (Liturgist)

Friends, having heard the call of Jesus, let us respond with generosity, love, and faith, that all may know the hope and peace of Christ. Thank you for your support of the ministry of Christ in and through this church. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication....

Prayer of Dedication

Loving and inviting God, you have called us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, seeking to be people of hospitality, generosity, and love as we share your life with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

To Share in the Lord's Supper

Call to Confession (Pastor Emilee)

God is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive. Therefore, let us confess our sin in the confidence that God will hear our plea with mercy. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always listened for Jesus' call or followed his example. Like Peter, we have good intentions, but we succumb to pressure, to confusion and doubt, and to exhaustion. We deny you and hide our faith. We lack courage. Our fears overwhelm us. Forgive us, Lord. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, that we may be restored to you and follow you more faithfully.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our faithful Shepherd loves us, forgives us, and gently leads us back into his fold. Friends, what Good News this is! We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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. . .

(Sanctus)

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, they 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.

Communion of the People

Organ Hymn Medley

Seek Ye First; Just As I Am; There Is A Redeemer

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" vs. 1,2,4

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

So God grants us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving, hope and confidence and peace.

Benediction

Postlude:

Let Us Rejoice
"Lasst uns erfreuen"

Arr. Lani Smith

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Emilee Williams, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,
Vallerie Pringle, liturgist,
Gina Adu-Gyamfi & Margaret Yeboah, communion preparers,
and Gabriel Frempong, technology team