

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lector: Let us pray. God of love, you weep with us in our grief and fear. Enfold in your loving embrace all those in our trans community lost to death this year. You know their names, Divine Creator, even when they are misnamed or misgendered as a last act of violence and erasure.

ALL: You see each one as beloved, and call them by their chosen name. You claim them as your children.

Lector: God of peace, give comfort to those who mourn. Give courage to our trans communities in the face of cruelty and harassment. Bring to justice those who perpetrate this violence.

ALL: Challenge us, O Holy One, to speak out for those who are silenced, to stand with those who are bullied, and to go with those who face danger.

Lector: God of wonder, you are beyond gender. You made each of us in your image.

ALL: Be with us today and always as we long for a day when every individual is safe and known and honored. Amen.

Opening Song

“Be Not Afraid”

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First Reading

Psalm 124

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Scripture Reading

“You Are Loved” by Kate Landis

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Gathering Song

“Transfigure Me”

Video

Sermon

Jordan Beutel, Guest Preacher

Prayers of the People

Join us in singing:

*Learning to lean, learning to lean, I'm learning to lean on Jesus.
Finding more power, than I've ever seen. I'm learning to lean on Jesus.*

Rise as you are able and pray the prayer

Jesus taught us, saying...

*Our Creator, who art in heaven Hallowed be Your name
Your kingdom come Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory Forever. Amen*

Prayers of the People-Continued

Join us in singing:

*Learning to lean, learning to lean,
I'm learning to lean on Jesus.
Finding more power, than I've ever seen.
I'm learning to lean on Jesus.*

Offering

Offertory & Doxology

Join us in singing

*For The Harvests Of The Spirit, Thanks Be To God;
For The Good We All Inherit, Thanks Be To God;*

*For The Wonders That Astound Us, For The Truths That Still Confound Us,
Most Of All, That Love Has Found Us, Thanks Be To God.*

Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Song

Join us in singing:

*Seek You first, the realm of God.
And God's righteousness.*

*And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and you shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia.*

Closing Song

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

See next page for lyrics

Benediction

Lyrics “Be Not Afraid”

You Shall Cross The Barren Desert, But You Shall Not Die Of Thirst.
You Shall Wander Far In Safety Though You Do Not Know The Way.
You Shall Speak Your Words In Foreign Lands And All Will Understand.
You Shall See The Face Of God And Live.

Be Not Afraid. I Go Before You Always.
Come Follow Me, And I Will Give You Rest.

If You Pass Through Raging Waters In The Sea, You Shall Not Drown.
If You Walk Amid The Burning Flames, You Shall Not Be Harmed.
If You Stand Before The Pow'r Of Hell And Death Is At Your Side,
Know That I Am With You Through It All.

Be Not Afraid. I Go Before You Always.
Come Follow Me, And I Will Give You Rest.

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

What A Covenant, What A Joy Divine,
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms;
What A Blessedness, What A Peace Is Mine,
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.

Leaning, Leaning, Safe And Secure From All Alarms;
Leaning, Leaning, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.

What Have I To Dread, What Have I To Fear,
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms?
I Have Blessed Peace With My God So Near,
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.

Leaning, Leaning, Safe And Secure From All Alarms;
Leaning, Leaning, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.

First Reading Psalm 124

If God hadn't been for us
all together now, Israel, sing out!
If God hadn't been for us
when everyone went against us,
We would have been swallowed alive
by their violent anger,
Swept away by the flood of rage,
drowned in the torrent;
We would have lost our lives
in the wild, raging water.
Oh, blessed be God!
God didn't go off and leave us.
God didn't abandon us defenseless,
helpless as a rabbit in a pack of snarling dogs.
We've flown free from their fangs,
free of their traps, free as a bird.
Their grip is broken;
we're free as a bird in flight.
God's strong name is our help,
the same God who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading “You Are Loved” By Kate Landis

I want you to know that you are loved beyond your wildest imaginings by the spirit of creation. Every bit of you is holy—even the embarrassing parts, even the thoughts you wouldn't tell your best friend.

God is in your every cell, calling you to live a loving, joyful, boisterous life. To go easier on yourself. To accept that you are a blessing. To spread the word that there is no original sin, that we are all glorious gifts to a world that desperately needs us.

I want you to know that you are a strand in the web of all existence, one dew-drop-spangled thread reflecting the early morning sun. Connected to every other living creature. Frogs, mushrooms, great blue whales, and you. You are never alone. You were born into a huge family of life. Sit in the grass and know that it is your sibling, watch the crows circle and think of them as gossiping cousins. This is your world and you are worthy.