

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back
The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross be-
fore me, The word behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back!

First Reading

**Today's First reading is taken, in part, from the Introduction to Life Togeth-
er, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.**

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Opening Song

"Welcome Into This Place"

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Transitional Music

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

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Gathering Song

"There's A Spirit In The Air"

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Sermon

"Following Jesus By Sharing Hospitality"

Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in singing when instructed)

We are the light of the world May our light shine before all;
That may see the good that we do, And give glory to God (repeat)

**And, now, we will rise as we 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

Offering

Offertory & Doxology

Join us in singing

I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,

I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.

I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,

I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.

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.

Join us in singing the Communion Song when instructed

Jesus is here right now. Jesus is here
In this bread and wine, true peace we find
Christ Jesus is here right now

Closing Song

"Go Make Of All Disciples"

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Benediction

Lyrics

“Welcome Into This Place”

Welcome Into This Place. Welcome Into This Broken Vessel.
You Desire To Abide In The Praises Of Your People,
So We Lift Our Hands And We Lift Our Hearts
As We Offer Up This Praise Unto Your Name.

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“There’s A Spirit In The Air”

There’s A Spirit In The Air, Telling Christians Everywhere:
“Praise The Love That Christ Revealed, Living, Working In Our World.”

Lose Your Shyness, Find Your Tongue; Tell The World What God Has Done:
God In Christ Has Come To Stay. Live Tomorrow’s Life Today.

When Believers Break The Bread, When A Hungry Child Is Fed:
Praise The Love That Christ Revealed, Living, Working In Our World.

Still The Spirit Gives Us Light, Seeing Wrong And Setting Right:
God In Christ Has Come To Stay. Live Tomorrow’s Life Today.

When A Stranger’s Not Alone, Where The Homeless Find A Home:
Praise The Love That Christ Revealed, Living, Working In Our World.

“Go Make Of All Disciples”

“Go Make Of All Disciples:” We Hear The Call, O God,
That Comes From You, Our Savior, In Your Eternal Word.
Inspire Our Ways Of Learning Through Earnest, Fervent, Prayer,
And Let Our Daily Living Reveal You Ev’rywhere.

“Go Make Of All Disciples:” We At Your Feet Would Stay
Until Each Life’s Vocation Accents Your Holy Way.
We Cultivate The Nature God Plants In Ev’ry Heart,
Revealing In Our Witness The Savior Teacher’s Art.

“Go Make Of All Disciples:” We Welcome Your Command;
“Lo, I Am With You Always:” We Take Your Guiding Hand.
The Task Looms Large Before Us—We Follow Without Fear.
In Heav’n And Earth Your Power Shall Bring God’s Revealing Here.

First Reading

Today’s First reading is taken, in part, from the Introduction to *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

“In the gray dawn of an April day in 1945, in the concentration camp at Flossenburg, shortly before it was liberated by the Allied Forces, Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was executed by the special order of Heinrich Himmler. Bonhoeffer’s life and timeless writings throb with the simple faith of one who has met Jesus Christ and accepted the consequences of following him in a time when fascism, racism, and violence stalked the earth. Times that sometimes seem all too familiar to us these days. Bonhoeffer was a devoted pastor and theologian, in the early 20th Century, whose most famous book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, includes the memorable sentence, “Grace is free; all it costs is your life!”

Bonhoeffer could not turn away from the catastrophic events happening in his beloved Germany. He became part of what was called, “the Confessing Church,” the part of the church that was willing to stand up to Hitler and Nazism at great cost.

He wrestled hard with his ideal of pacifism, but ultimately concluded that he had to actively oppose Hitler by whatever means necessary. One day in April, after years of underground resistance, Bonhoeffer, with his sister and husband were arrested by the Nazis, accused of fomenting a plot to kill Adolf Hitler.

His last weeks were spent with men and women from all nationalities who were imprisoned with him. One English officer wrote:

“Bonhoeffer always seemed to spread an atmosphere of happiness and joy over the least incident, and profound gratitude for being alive...he was a person for whom God was real and near. . . On Sunday, April 8, Pastor Bonhoeffer conducted a little service of worship and spoke to us in a way that went to the heart of all of us. . . he had hardly ended his last prayer when the door opened and two civilians entered. They said, ‘Prisoner Bonhoeffer, come with us.’ We knew it meant the gallows. We said good-bye to him, and he said to me, ‘This is the end, but for me, it is just the beginning of life.’

The next day he was hanged.” His example, courage and devotion as a follower of Jesus stands out for us today, as our world needs people of faith to stand up for good against evil and injustice more than ever.

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:40-42

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”