

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lector: Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O God.

ALL: Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives.

Lector: Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us.

ALL: Visit us with your presence this morning as we worship you. AMEN.

Opening Song

“O For A World”

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First Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

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Gathering Song

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

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Sermon

“Co-Creators with God”

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosby

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

“This Little Light Of Mine”

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Benediction

Lyrics

“O For A World”

O For A World Where Everyone Respects Each Other's Ways,
Where Love Is Lived And All Is Done With Justice And With Praise.

O For A World Where Goods Are Shared And Misery Relieved,
Where Truth Is Spoken, Children Spared, Equality Achieved.

We Welcome One World Family And Struggle With Each Choice
That Opens Us TO Unity And Gives Our Vision Voice.

The Poor Are Rich, The Weak Are Strong, The Foolish Ones Are Wise.
Tell All Who Mourn: Outcasts Belong, Who Perishes Will Rise.

O For A World Preparing For God's Glorious Reign Of Peace,
Where Time And Tears Will Be No More, And All But Love Will Cease.

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning, Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning,
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning, For This Work's Almost Done.

Sisters, Don't Grow Weary, Brothers, Don't Grow Weary,
Children, Don't Grow Weary, For This Work's Almost Done.

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder, We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder,
We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder, For This Work's Almost Done.

Sisters, Don't Grow Weary, Brothers, Don't Grow Weary,
Children, Don't Grow Weary, For This Work's Almost Done.

Every Round Goes Higher, Higher, Every Round Goes Higher, Higher,
Every Round Goes Higher, Higher, For This Work's Almost Done.

Sisters, Don't Grow Weary, Brothers, Don't Grow Weary,
Children, Don't Grow Weary, For This Work's Almost Done.

“This Little Light Of Mine”

This Little Light Of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine.
This Little Light Of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine.
This Little Light Of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine.
Let It Shine, Let It Shine, Let It Shine.

Ev'rywhere I Go, I'm Gonna Let It Shine.
Ev'rywhere I Go, I'm Gonna Let It Shine.
Ev'rywhere I Go, I'm Gonna Let It Shine.
Let It Shine, Let It Shine, Let It Shine.

Jesus Gave It To Me, I'm Gonna Let It Shine...
Shine, Shine, Shine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine...
All In My Home, I'm Gonna Let It Shine...

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Our God is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
God does not faint or grow weary;
God's understanding is unsearchable.

God gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for God shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Second Reading

Matthew 25: 1-13

“Then the realm of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.