



Homer United Methodist Church

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Poetry Prayer¹

Flipping Tables

Marina Greear

Centering

- limit distractions, light a candle, take a deep breath, and offer a prayer of gratitude for the indigenous peoples on whose land you live, work, and worship

Call to Worship²

We come to this space,

again and again.

We gather as a community,

again and again.

We move closer to God,

again and again.

God meets us, hears us, and shows us the way,

again and again.

The Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us,

again and again.

Jesus turns the tables on our expectations,

again and again. Amen.

Opening Song

Lord of the Dance

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Sydney Carter, 1963

MUSIC: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter, 1963; harm by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

CCLI Song # 78529

CCLI # 11365960

¹ Prayer by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

² All liturgy adapted from prayers by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Prayer for Illumination

Dottie Holten

Scripture

John 2:13-22

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The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Preparation

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Lucy Kunkler

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Attr. to B.F. White

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Sermon

Again and Again: We Are Shown the Way

Pastor Lisa

Again and again, Jesus overturns the idea that anything can separate us from the love of God.

Refrain

Come and Find the Quiet Center

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WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Attr. to B.F. White

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Holy Communion³

Take a moment to prepare your communion elements. Something like bread, something like juice.

God of justice, we are guilty of building tables. We have built tables that oppression dines on, sexism thrives on, and racism lives on. We are guilty of forgetting who we are, of exploiting faith, and turning the church into a place for insiders. We are guilty of ignoring your Word, for he taught that the temple was his body and your message was for all. Be in our hearts and minds. Draw near to

³ Adapted from liturgy written by Shannon K. Anderson.

our choices, forgive our mistakes, and as you do, flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting. With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

As you receive the elements today, know that Christ flipped over tables so that he could set this table, a table that has a seat for everyone. As you eat at Christ's table today, know that this is the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation given for you. Amen.

Special Music

Whisper a Prayer

Etta Bynagle & Cate Davis

MUSIC: arr. by B.B. McKinney

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Special Music

Sithi Amen

Vheneka

MUSIC: Traditional South African hymn; arr. for marimbas by Karin Sonnen

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Benediction

In the name of God the Lover, God the Beloved, and God who is Love itself,
Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace. Amen.

Closing Song

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Lucy Kunkler

WORDS: USA folk hymn

MUSIC: USA folk hymn; harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955

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