

Peace UCC
July 4, 2021
The Lord's Prayer
Today: God with no Name

Prelude Loretta Haggard
 "Air From Overture in D," J.S. Bach
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: Here we are. We have come with questions, with hopes and dreams.
Many: Open our hearts and minds
One: Like those who have come before us, we yearn for some good news.
Many: Open our hearts and minds
One: As we worship – singing songs and hearing sacred text
Many: Open our hearts and minds
One: Here we are. Work in and through us.
Many: Open our hearts and minds

Opening Response

"Be Still and Know"

Iona Community

May be sung as a round

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the song with two first endings. The second staff contains the second line of the song, ending with a double bar line and the instruction 'Last time.' Chord symbols are written above and below the notes.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and
know that I am God.

Prayer of Invocation

Maren C. Tirabassi

Please pray with me.

Merciful God, Just God, Faithful God, God of blessing and God of our most difficult times, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children. Amen

The Witness of Music

Loretta Haggard
"Meditation From Thais," Jules Massnet
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Readings

Exodus 3:1-16

³Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' ⁴When the Holy One saw that Moses had turned aside to see, God called to Moses out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ⁵Then God said, 'Come no

closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ ⁶God said further, ‘I am the God of your parent, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then God said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ ¹¹But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ ¹²God said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

¹³But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is God’s name?” what shall I say to them?’ ¹⁴God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ and said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.”’ ¹⁵God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Holy One, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

¹⁶Go and assemble the elders of Israel, and say to them, “The Holy One, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt.”

Luke 11: 1-2a

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Rabbi, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. Jesus said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Abba, hallowed be your name.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn

“Bring Many Names”



Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 Warm lov - ing God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,
 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er - ful - ly known,



cel - e-brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false-hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark-ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and Ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and Ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho -



san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 san - na! warm lov - ing God!
 san - na! old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na!

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully.
Amen

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the
world. Amen

Benediction

Postlude "Jubilation," Jason D. Payne
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