



Hymn Sing
September 1, 2019

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary B. Speers

Gathering Music Every Time I Feel the Spirit

setting Pepper Choplin
(b. 1957)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

*Call to Worship

Karen Meyers

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: Make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

~ Psalm 95:1-2

*Hymn 214 O Come and Sing unto the Lord

IRISH

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in Christ we are members of one body. Through all our differences, and in all our wanderings, our hearts still sing your melody. But we confess that no matter what we do, we seem always to be sharp or flat. Forgive the ways in which our lives are out of tune. Remind us that our gifts are no better, and our flaws no worse, than those of our ancestors. Remind us of our true voices. Tune our wills to your will, that we may sing out your promise of abundant life, pouring forth in all the world the radiant harmonies of your love, for it is through your Spirit we sing, and in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

silent prayer

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response 341

ASSURANCE

sung twice

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long!**

*The Peace of Christ

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 322 Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)
melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Lesson Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reflection for Children of All Ages

Rev. Speers

Hymn Sing

Today we are using the blue hymnal. Please call out the hymn you would like by its number. There is an index of first lines and common titles in the back of your hymnal. We'll sing the first and last verses of each hymn concluding with...

***Hymn 264** When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

OFFERING

Offertory Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley
(b. 1940)

Natalie Wallace, flute

***Doxology 591**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Dedication of Self & Substance**

Holy One, when we sing, we pray twice; and when we bring you the fruits of our labors, we pray a third time. Use these gifts to heal and teach, comfort and challenge, that all the world might sing your praise. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion *(by intinction)* All are invited to the Lord's table, please know that gluten-free, cubed bread is available on each tray, and "wine" is unfermented grape juice. Please come to the front of the sanctuary via the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the chalice, partake, and return to your seat by way of a side aisle.

Music During the Distribution

Prayer

God of compassion, through your son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

* **Hymn 432** Song of Hope ARGENTINA

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

Parting Music God's Promise Ellis Paul

Mike Shirey, guitar

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Mary B. Speers, Interim Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music
Karen Meyers, Liturgist
Natalie Wallace, flute
Mike Shirey, guitar

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Home and Potluck Picnic September 8

We will gather in Fellowship Hall for our Welcome Home service and potluck. Mary has prepared a celebratory service. Mike Shirey will sing, and Samuel will play the piano. Hot dogs and beverages provided, bring a dish to share. We will eat inside or if you prefer to eat outside, bring a blanket or chairs.

Adult Forum

September 15 – Experiences from Big Tent, led by **Audrey Trapp**
 September 22 – Faith Church in Partnership with Walter P. Carter School, led by **Jovan Custis**, Community School Director
 September 29-October 21 Five Stories that Define Us from the book of Genesis, led by **Rev. Jack Hodges**

CARES Pantry Emergency

The Pantry is full of empty shelves; we need **canned veggies, spaghetti sauce, and cereal**. Food donations may be placed in the baskets outside the sanctuary doors. Please continue to donate to the Bread Fund. Your gifts are used to purchase citrus and bananas throughout the summer. Thank you for your generosity.

Book Club

We will be reading “Educated” by Tara Westover. Westover was born in Idaho. Her fanatic father was dubious of public education, believing it a means for the government to brainwash its gullible citizens. After one brother extricated himself from their world, he helped her escape. She accomplished the seemingly impossible by pursuing education to its highest level. Enjoy her incredible journey and join us, September 23, at the Nesbitts’ to discuss this amazing story.

Fall Habitat Workdays

The Workdays are in! If you would like to get dirty, have fun, and make a difference, volunteer! The limit is 10 people per day. Upcoming dates are September 21, October 5, 19, 26. Call or text Natalie Wallace.

Margaret Turner’s Memorial Service

Long-time member Marge Turner’s service will be on September 21 at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to help with the reception, contact **Robin Nemser**.

Joys and Concerns may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

Please Pray for Our PNC

Karen Burd

Paula Burger

Neil Nemser

Pat Nesbitt

Mike Shirey

Judy Sperling

Natalie Wallace

Mozella Williams

God's Promise

Words by Woody Guthrie, Music by Ellis Paul

I didn't promise you skies painted blue
Not all colored flowers all your days through
I didn't promise you, sun with no rain
Joys without sorrows, peace without pain.

refrain

All that I promise is strength for this day,
Rest for my worker, and light on your way.
I give you truth when you need it, my help from above,
Undying friendship, my unfailing love.

I never did promise you crowns without trials,
Food with no hard sweat, your tears without smiles,
Hot sunny days without cold wintry snows,
No vict'ry without fightin', no laughs without woes.

refrain

I sure didn't say I'd give you heaven on earth,
A life with no labor no struggles no deaths,
No earthquakes no dryspells, no fire flames no droughts,
No slaving no hungers, no blizzards no blights.

refrain

I promise you power, this minute this hour,
The power you need when you fall down to bleed,
I give you my peace, and my strength to pull home
My love for all races all creeds and all kinds.

My flavors my saviors my creeds of all kinds,
My love for my saviors, all colors all kinds,

refrain

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