

Trinity-Grace United Church

ORDER OF SERVICE - AUGUST 27th, 2023

13th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT: "There is room for all" (MV 62)

1st time – soloist

2nd time - ALL

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my
rock, in whom I trust." There is room for all,
there is room for all!

Text and Music: Bruce Harding, 2004.

INVITATION

(One/All)

Welcome.

We come together in this place to worship God.

Welcome.

We bring our insecurities with us.

Welcome.

We bring our pain to share.

Welcome.

We bring our joy, our hope.

Welcome.

We are all welcome in this place to worship God.

Just as we are.

CANDLE LIGHTING

GATHERING PRAYER

(One/**All**)

Many are the reasons we gather:

We are one as the body of Christ.

Excited, anxious, reluctant, restrained:

We are one as the body of Christ.

Brought here, sent here, drawn here, just here:

We are one as the body of Christ.

Let us open our hearts and minds to the possibility of change.

Whatever happens and however it happens:

God is present here.

Hymn: "Will you come and follow me" VU 567

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: The Iona Community 1987.

Music: Scottish traditional, arr. The Iona Community 1987.

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

(One/All)

Holy one, Source of Life
through scripture and prayer,
and our journey together as community,
you guide us, counsel us, teach us.

**You call us to plumb our depths and find you there,
the Christ-light at the still centre of our being.**

It can make us anxious to reveal our depths,
even to ourselves.

**We are afraid of what we’ll find,
that it won’t be good enough.**

Yet what you ask of us is only to love -
our selves and others -
Trusting that we already have your love,
and will ultimately find your imprint within.

Forgive us for what has been done

or left undone this week.
Forgive us the hurts we can't yet release to you.
Forgive us our failures to live out of the grace
we claim from you week by week.

Open our hearts now to your Spirit of healing and renewal...

(Silence is kept)

A WORD OF GRACE

SHARING PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all! (Salam al-Masee7)

ALL: And also with you!

We take a moment to turn and greet each other and share a sign of peace

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(All)

Speak to us, living God,

As you have spoken to our ancestors:

Through the voices of your prophets,

The breath of your Spirit,

And the life of your Beloved,

So that we may live according to your word and deed,

Through Christ our Savior,

Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: This is the witness of our ancestors in faith.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

EXPLORING THE WORD – Shadia Qubti

RESPONDING

HYMN: “It is well with my Soul” Voices Together 617

During the hymn, the offering box is brought forward

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3. Redeemed! Oh, the bliss of this glorious thought:
My sin—not in part, but the whole—
is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

Text: Horatio G. Spafford (USA), Gospel Hymns, No. 2, 1876, all.

Music: Philip P. Bless (USA), Gospel Hymns, No.2, 1876.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Trinity-Grace is grateful for the many ways we are gifted and called to contribute to God's mission through this faith community.

Prayer of Dedication

(All)

**Gracious God,
we offer you our gifts with humble hearts.
Through the work of your Holy Spirit,
surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY

Announcements, insights, joy & concerns.
All are welcome to share...

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE & CONCERN

THE PRAYER OF THE DISCIPLES (The Lord's Prayer)

(All)

**Loving God - Source of life,
may your name be held sacred by all creation.**

**May your reign come,
and your holy will be done, here among us,
as in the great communion of saints.**

**Provide what we need to sustain us this day.
Forgive our sins,
as we forgive the hurts we absorb from others.
Keep us from trials too great to bear,
and strengthen us to resist evil.**

For yours is the realm of love, yours the energy of life,
and yours the true essence of all that is,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING

(One/ALL)

For all that God can do within us,
And all that God can do in others,
THANKS BE TO GOD.

For all the spirit wants to bring us,
And for where the Spirit wants to send us:
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship.
WE GO IN FAITH; WE GO TO SERVE.

BLESSING

The Christ candle is extinguished

AMEN: "God of Peace and Justice" - Voices Together 711

(God of Peace and Justice)

YA RAB AS-SALAMI Irregular

Em B/D# Em B7

Ya Rab as - sa - la - mi, am - ter al - ay - na - as - sa - lam.
God of peace and jus - tice, rain down up - on us your peace.

Em B/D# Em Am B7 Em

Ya Rab as - sa - la - mi, Im - la' qu - lu - ba - na - as - sa - lam.
God of peace and jus - tice, let ev - 'ry heart be filled with peace.

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God of Peace and Justice, rain down upon us your peace.

POSTLUDE