



Gathering Time

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19:1-4 adapted)

- L: Your glory is written in the sky, God;
C: **Your artistry is carved on the face of the earth.**
L: From one day to another, the message passes on,
C: **And each night gives knowledge to the next.**
L: Not a word is spoken,
C: **Not a sound do they make;**
L: Yet their silence reverberates around the earth
C: **And their unspoken message echoes from pole to pole.**
L: The stars and angels and all creation worship God.
C: **Let us join the chorus.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord of all creation, you have given us this day of beauty, full of your handiwork. Open our eyes wide to see your Spirit's artistry in all that happens. Open our hearts to the surprising ways of your creative goodness. Then grant us grace to reflect your glory, through the transforming power of Christ, your Word, who beckons us into life abundant. Amen.

Opening Hymn - Listen God is Calling

Refrain

- (Listen,) **listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**
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- 1 (Jesus gave his mandate:) **share the good news**
(that he came to save us) **and set us free. Refrain**
- 2 (Let none be forgotten) **throughout the world.**
(In the triune name of God) **go and baptize. Refrain**
- 3 (Help us to be faithful,) **standing steadfast,**
(walking in your precepts,) **led by your Word. Refrain**

Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-14, 21-27

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Message Bishop Regina Hassanally

Music - God's Work Our Hands (*Sung to Earth and All Stars*)

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and sheltering the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.**
- 2 God's work, our feet: traveling together, following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your Gospel.**
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of our Gospel.**
- 4 God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace – Offering of Gifts – Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance:

**C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Litany of Confession – Lord's Prayer

L: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "*Our Father...*"

**C: You created us, you made this world,
and you called your creation very good.
Yet often we forget that you are our loving parent
who continues to bless your world.**

L: Jesus told us that you are "*...in heaven...*"

**C: Yet we fail to live in awe of you.
We take you for granted, and we don't see the
awesome beauty of the world you have made.**

L: We pray, "*Hallowed be your name...*"

**C: We confess that our reverence for you does not always
lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.**

L: We pray, "*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...*"

**C: We confess that we often put our own interests first—
exploiting your creation, and living for
our own convenience and self-interest.**

L: We pray, "*Give us today our daily bread.*"

**C: We confess that we consume more than our share
of the world's resources, while billions go hungry
every day and your whole creation suffers.**

L: We pray, "*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*"

**C: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms,
while the Bible is filled with teachings about
economic justice and creation care.**

L: We pray, "*Save us from the time of trial.*"

**C: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more,
using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.**

L: *We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."*

C: **Free us from greed and self-centeredness
that separate us from you and others.**

L: *We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."*

C: **Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world,
we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards
of your creative power, and giving you glory.**

L: *We pray, "Amen."*

C: **We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so."
We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace.
Amen!**

Words of Institution – Invitation to Communion – Distribution

Music - Oh Lord Unto Thee

Refrain: Oh unto thee O Lord, Do I lift up my soul, Oh Lord unto thee,
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**Show me the ways, Teach me the paths,
God of my salvation soul, Tender mercies
And thy loving kindness, For they have never been old. *Refrain***

**Oh my God, I trust in thee
Let me not be ashamed, Let not my enemies
Triumph over me, Oh Lord unto thee. *Refrain***

**Remember not the sins, Of my youth
Nor my transgressions, According to thy mercy
Remember me, Oh Lord unto thee. *Refrain***

**Good and upright is the Lord, He will teach
Sinners in the way, The meek he will guide in judgment
And the meek he will teach his way. *Refrain***

Communion Blessing

Benediction & Dismissal

L: You are the hands and feet of God. You are called to soothe suffering,
 to live with compassion, to build up God's loving peace.
 So, as you leave this place, how will you live?

C: **We go from this place of worship to share the gifts we have been given.
 We go from this time of worship to build up the Body of Christ.
 We go from this holy space to carry the Holy to the world around us.
 Go in love, go in peace, go with God.
 Amen.**

L: Go in Love, Go in Peace, Go with God.

C: **Thanks be God.**

Sending Music: He Leadeth Me

1 **He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain **He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

2 **Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. *Refrain***

3 **Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain***

4 **And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain***

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PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMNS: *Oh Lord Unto Thee; He Leadeth Me*