

Yellowstone Presbytery Worship Service November 6,2020

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GATHERING TOGETHER

Call to Worship (*Iona Abbey Worship Book* © Iona Community)

We gather here in your presence, God,

In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

And you know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

We come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you invite us to come;

And you have promised never to turn us away.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, when the world's political noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom, and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Music** “Gather Us In”

Prayer of Confession

Trusting the steadfast love of our God, we make our confession.

(silence for personal confession)

Faithful God, have mercy upon us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before the needs of our neighbors. We keep your give of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. We are the children of God. Hear the truth God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world. Amen.

HEARING FROM THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 42

***Meditation:** “A Song in My Heart” Vilmarie Cintron Olivieri

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Praise - Testimonies of the churches about What God is Doing

Prayers & Petitions

Chant: **Lord, Listen to your children praying.**

Lord, Send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace. (“*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*” by Ken Medema

Lord of all life, thank you for the beauty of your handiwork from sea to stars and beyond; thank you for the diversity of humanity that bears your image. Your creativity of nation, tribe, and tongue, and so many other attributes, are truly amazing. Help us to care for the world you have made and to receive all persons as your image bearers. Hear our prayers for an end to racial injustice, for meeting the needs of a groaning creations, for acceptance and love of our neighbors...

(silence, then chant)

Lord of all voices, thank you for giving each of a voice to make a difference. Thank you for the opportunity this week to participate in the civil right of persons to vote and to participate in democracy. Help us to ensure that all voices will have equal opportunity to be heard. . . and may we as your church pay special attention to the orphans, widows, and strangers within our gates... Hear us our prayers for equality, the common good, and...

(silence, then chant)

Lord of all choices, thank you for giving each of us a choice – each day you set before us blessings and curses, life and death. Help us to choose life, not just for ourselves and our congregations, but for our neighbors and our communities too. Hear us as we pray for wisdom in decision making, discernment, and active listening ...

(silence, then chant)

Lord of all hope and peace, we give you our responses to the waiting and outcome of this election, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the direction of our country. Please guard our hearts and minds in the law, love, and peace of Christ Jesus. Hear us as we pray for your will to be done and for faith and trust in your character and providence, even when we cannot see your hand...

(silence, then chant)

Lord of Heaven and Earth, thank you that our individual ‘yes’ to you makes us a citizen of heaven. Keep us focused on loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Help us to take seriously your summons to participate in bringing the ways of your kingdom to earth. Hear us as we pray for the inbreaking of your kingdom in areas of injustice, unrest, division, depression, and apathy...

(silence, then chant)

Lord of all Blessings, thank you for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness afforded to us in the Constitution of the United States and the freedom to practice and proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ without fear of persecution. Help us to eagerly to protect these freedoms & eagerly speak all you have done wherever we find ourselves. Hear us as we pray for courage, pray for our brothers and sisters around the globe who do not have this same freedom to openly worship you, and against all other forms of persecution...

(silence, then chant)

Lord of all ventures, bless your church today in the tumultuous times of COVID-19 with imagination, dreams, and new ways to worship and adore you. Raise up disciples in our communities and in all nations. Continue to equip, empower and send the Yellowstone Presbytery and all its members. Help us to “bless” and “add” for the purposes of growing your kingdom. Hear us as we pray...

(silence, then chant)

Lord of all holiness, may you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be glorified in all that is happening on the earth and may we, your people, seek to glorify you in all that we do – may your name be praised! Even so, Come Lord Jesus!! Hear us as we say together the prayer you taught us...

Our Father... AMEN.

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Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

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***Closing Music** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Charge: *(unison)*

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go, God is sending us.

Wherever we are, God has put us there. God has a purpose in our being there.

Christ lives in us and has something he wants to do through us where we are.

Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ. (R. Halverson)

Benediction: Vilmarie Cintron Olivieri

Announcements & Recess until 9:00 Saturday morning—use Zoom information from top of docket.

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