

January 15, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(with gratitude to Ruth Moody and the Wailin' Jennys)*

Leader: There are no words for what this testimony means, only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

People: **We celebrate the prophets and visionaries; in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one voice.**

Leader: There is no way to know what this following will take, only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart of love.

People: **We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners: in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of voices two.**

Leader: There is no telling when the struggle will end, only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

Leader: **We become the movement and the liberation: in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all of us.**

***Hymn #573:** "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

***Invocation**

**To the revelation and the wonder, open us.
With the vision and the possibility, convict us.
For the recognizing and the following, equip us.
In the struggle and the seeking, be with us.
Holy One, manifest your love, make your justice known
in and among us. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Jan Derry

Anthem

Time With Young Disciples

Sermon: "In Times of Struggle and Conflict"

***Hymn #438:** "When Peace, Like a River" (It is Well With My Soul)

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response **Invitation to the Offering**

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*with quotes from [Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution](#) by Martin Luther King, Jr.*)

“All life is interrelated” – Praise!

“We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality” – Praise!

“We are tied in a single garment of destiny” – Praise!

**Use our gifts to empower us to lean into this reality and this calling,
more and more fully,**

until we become the salvation we are dreaming of.

May it be so. Amen.

***Hymn #448: “Take My Life, God, Let It Be”**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**