We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Many and Great, O God
Emma Lou Diemer

Donald Livingston, Principal Organist

Welcome

Rev. Judy Zabel
Senior Minister

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In
Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in – the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
We are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in – the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, lightyears away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in – all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.
Litany of Praise

Holy, Triune God
You are the author of family,
The source of community
A generous host who welcomes us
To dwell in your loving presence

Gather us as one body today
a people made in your Triune image.

You teach us the gift of relational personhood-
To love and be loved
To know and be known
To be united in our glorious particularity.

Gather us as your communal people
Lifting up many diverse voices in one united chorus.

You teach us what it means to share power-
A life free from hierarchy and domination,
Hands held open, and hearts flung wide
by the joy of mutual submission.

Gather us as a generous people
Dancing in the light of your self-giving love.

You teach us how to confound binaries-
Invite us into beautiful tension.
To know you is not to master you,
But simply to experience your mystery.

Gather us as a worshipping people
Who aren’t afraid to wrestle or wonder.

As you gather us in this sanctuary again,
Connecting people from many places and spaces,
Remind us that your church is not a building but a people
Reflecting your triune image in this world

Gather us as a family in your likeness-
Teaching us to pray,
Reminding us to love,
Showing us your presence,
And inviting us to be one, as you are One.
Our Song Continues  

A Charge to Keep I Have

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.
To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master’s will.

– Charles Wesley

Prayer of Confession

Lona Dallassandro
On-line Congregation

Dear God, how easy it is for me to distinguish myself from "them."

For the times I believe I am better than others — forgive me.

For the times I put my ways on a pedestal to the neglect of others — forgive me.

For the times I avert my gaze so I won’t have to look at their condition — forgive me.

For the times I wished against diversity and wanted to live only in the ease of familiar — forgive me.

For the times I feel no discomfort in judging others before I even know them — forgive me.

For the ease with which I label people "them" and "other" — forgive me.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Rev. Kathi Austin Mahle
Clergy (retired)

The peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you!

Please share with those around you, both in person and online, a sign or prayer of peace.

In Our Prayers This Week

Baptisms
Theodore Russell Gustafson
bap. 7/11/21

Deaths
Dwight Haberman (d. 6/13/2020)
Service on 6/26/21, 11am

Codolences
Kate Kruse- the death of her Husband Michael Smith

Upcoming Surgery
Jim McChesney

In Recovery
Karen Peterson (Back Surgery)

Care Center
Betty Beach (Broken ankle, (Clermont Park, Denver, CO)
Ruth Lippin (Stroke, 4/29)
Evelyn Welsh
Kate Lewis

Recovering at Home
Megan Hanson

Prayer Requests
John Anderson
Anna Nygren
Carolyn Radke
Danielle Anderson
The Nsude Family
Mike Chatt
Carol Edblom
James Hlavka
Don & Janice Selger
Judy Strandmark
Carrie David
Lorelei Larson

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Wonder

From You, Our Community
For the joy of returning to in-person worship!

Prayers for Our Congregational Life & Work
For the children, youth and adults who will participate in Vacation Bible School.
For the Cabinet and Bishop as they discern who will be appointed as our next Associate Pastor.
Prayers for Our Community
For wisdom for our city leaders to listen well to all. May they have wisdom and resolve to work for justice and healing.
For all our LGBTQ+ siblings as we celebrate PRID and for all those who are still in the closet, afraid to come out.

Prayers for Our Nation
For the Surfside, Florida community and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones who died in the collapse of a highrise.

Prayers for Our World
In a Time of Pandemic
For hope, mercy, justice, and wise use of resources as countries struggle with COVID-19 surges.
For peace and a just peace in Israel and Palestine.

Prayers for Racial Reconciliation & Healing
We affirm the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being.
We pray for open minds to understand, humble hearts to repent, and strength to change as we hear the voices of those wounded by our actions, words, and systems.

Prayers for Our Church
We thank God for lay leaders who begin their terms this month.
We pray that God will strengthen Hennepin Avenue UMC as they offer their gifts.
We give thanks for the gift of Koinonia Retreat Center. We pray with hope for God to open new opportunities for Koinonia Spirit to flourish among us.

Hymn
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.
Child of love, our love’s expression,
Love’s creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
Into joy and laughter lead.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptism of Theodore Russell Gustafson
To the children:
Children, will you be a friend to Theodore, helping him feel safe and included as we worship, pray, play, and serve together?
We will.

To the congregation:
Will all of you nurture and care for Theodore as he grows in his spiritual journey? Will you surround and support him with your prayers? Will you commit to practice your faith so your example will help Theodore love God and live Love’s service in the world?
We will.

With God’s help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Theodore with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to eternal life.

Hymn
Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God 7ou came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
Live as one who bears Christ’s name.
Child of God your loving Parent,
Learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.

Time with Children
Lynne Carroll
Director of Children & Family Ministries

Announcements
Rev. Judy Zabel

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We Hear the Word

SCRIPTURE
Acts 19:1-7 (The Message)
Mark Christopher
Lector

Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened upon some disciples there. The first thing he said was, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?”

“We've never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?”

“How were you baptized, then?” asked Paul.

“In John’s baptism.”

“That explains it,” said Paul. “John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you’ve been baptized in John’s baptism, you’re ready now for the real thing, for Jesus.”

And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God’s actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

The word of God for the people of God,
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE
What’s Gotten Into You?  Rev. Judy Zabel

ANTHEM
I Believe This Is Jesus  arr. Undine Smith Moore
Performed by The Meeting House Virtual Choir
Directed by Steven Seigart, Director of Music
Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Alexandria, VA

We Respond to the Word

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS & OURSELVES  Lona Dallassandro
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DOXOLOGY  FAIRHILL
Prayers of the People

Rev. Kathi Austin Mahle,

Closing Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Rev. Judy Zabel

POSTLUDE

Festal Postlude

William Faulkes

Rev. Judy Zabel

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Our Strategic Initiatives

1. We will grow in love of God and neighbor by intentionally building a multi-racial beloved community inside and outside our church walls, working to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice for all.

2. We will reach and welcome new people by expanding the ways in which we communicate what God is doing through the ministries of Hennepin.

3. We will heal a broken world by working to undo the harm that church and society have caused in exclusion and discrimination through systemic forms of oppression against all marginalized people including the LGBTQ community.

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