

“The infliction of cruelty with a good conscience is a delight to moralists. That is why they invented Hell.” - Bertrand Russell

* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME to ALL!

No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,
you are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Come and Fill Our Hearts Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The opposite of Hell is not Heaven,
P: The opposite of Hell is reconciliation.
L: Our lives are not about aiming for the correct destination,
P: They are about coming into harmony with all of Creation.
L: They are about coming into harmony with God.
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LET US PREPARE

*HYMN Born of God, Eternal Savior B542

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

As we pray the Lord’s prayer, we pray to a God in three persons:
Parent, Child, and Holy Ghost. We pray to a God who lives in
community with others and becomes embodied in the world with us.
This prayer aims us at living lives in harmony with each other, and
making this realm a little more like the Realm of God. Remember this
as we pray, “Our Father...Amen.”

LET US LISTEN

READINGS Matthew 20:1-16
HYMN Come, Labor On B532
REFLECTION H-E Double Hockey Sticks Pastor Mark Harris
ANTHEM Prayer For Peace B.Harlan
You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Medema
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.
(twice)
PRAYER
(and once more)
L: Let the people say ...
P: Amen and Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY O God of All Praising arr. Michael Larkin

*DOXOLOGY B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)
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.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

Let our gifts serve to help build a world that is more and more like
heaven, and less and less like the hell’s that we have constructed in it
in our history. Amen.

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* R101

*BENEDICTION

*SEVEN FOLD AMEN R594

POSTLUDE *Dialogue on the Trumpet* François Couperin

Ministers:	The People
Pastor:	Mark Harris
Minister of Music:	Gene Faxon
Guest Musician:	Carol Hamilton
Worship Leader:	Linda Grant
Greeter:	Dan Isaacs
Flowers:	Lisa Giragosian
Set Up:	Dan Isaacs and Joyce Petkovich

Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee, this week provided by Suze and Ken Campbell.

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