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Welcome to worship today! We are grateful you are here as part of the gathered and scattered community of God. Please note that our worship will be recorded / live streamed so that those who could not make it would be part of the worship service.

A couple helpful hints to make sure that we are all safe here together:

- Please keep your mask on and over your entire nose and mouth for the duration of service.
- During the music portion of the service, we invite you to listen quietly in your seats.
- Please practice social distancing.
- Feel free to drop-off your offering on your way out, and thank you!

Today we will move through the book of Psalms as a way to engage with the Spirit. You will need a pencil/pen and some paper.

Gathering Song

Come Spirit, Come

Kiran Young Wimberly-Celtic Psalms

Call to Worship

**May none of God's wonderful works keep silence,
night or morning.**

**Bright stars,
high mountains,
the depths of the seas,
sources of rushing rivers;
may all these break into song
as we sing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**May all the angels in the heavens reply
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God,
the only giver of grace.**

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Psalm 96---Gathering Psalm

**Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

2
Sing to the Lord! Bless his name!
Share the news of his saving work every single day!

3
Declare God's glory among the nations;
declare his wondrous works among all people

4
because the Lord is great and so worthy of praise.
He is awesome beyond all other gods

5
because all the gods of the nations are just idols,
but it is the Lord who created heaven!

6
Greatness and grandeur are in front of him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7
Give to the Lord, all families of the nations—
give to the Lord glory and power!

8
Give to the Lord the glory due his name!
Bring gifts!
Enter his courtyards!

9
Bow down to the Lord in his holy splendor!
Tremble before him, all the earth!

10
Tell the nations, "The Lord rules!
Yes, he set the world firmly in place;^[a]
it won't be shaken.
He will judge all people fairly."

11
Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it roar!

12
Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!

Passing of the Peace

If you are worshipping with us online we invite you to greet one another and offer a word of peace, too.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Confession

Moment of Silence

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

Psalm 32

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

2
The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty—
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—
that one is truly happy!

3
When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;
I was groaning all day long—
every day, every night!—

4
because your hand was heavy upon me.
My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought. *Selah*

5
So I admitted my sin to you;
I didn't conceal my guilt.
"I'll confess my sins to the Lord," is what I said.
Then you removed the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

6
That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,^[b]
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

7
You are my secret hideout!
You protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of rescue! *Selah*

8
I will instruct you and teach you
about the direction you should go.
I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.

9
Don't be like some senseless horse or mule,
whose movement must be controlled
with a bit and a bridle.^[c]
Don't be anything like that!
The pain of the wicked is severe,
but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the Lord.

11
You who are righteous, rejoice in the Lord and be glad!
All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

Affirmation of Faith

In our lives of faith it is important to go over our relationship with God and how God has been with us. With gratitude, name a time when you felt like God was caring for you.

Psalm 30

I exalt you, Lord, because you pulled me up;
you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me.

2
Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help,
and you healed me.

3
Lord, you brought me up from the grave,
brought me back to life from among those going down to the pit.

4
You who are faithful to the Lord,
sing praises to him;
give thanks to his holy name!

5
His anger lasts for only a second,
but his favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping may stay all night,
but by morning, joy!

6
When I was comfortable, I said,
"I will never stumble."

7
Because it pleased you, Lord,
you made me a strong mountain.
But then you hid your presence.
I was terrified.

8

I cried out to you, Lord.
I begged my Lord for mercy:

9

“What is to be gained by my spilled blood,
by my going down into the pit?
Does dust thank you?
Does it proclaim your faithfulness?”

10

Lord, listen and have mercy on me!
Lord, be my helper!”

11

You changed my mourning into dancing.
You took off my funeral clothes
and dressed me up in joy
so that my whole being
might sing praises to you and never stop.
Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Psalm of Joy

Name a time when you felt like your sorrow turned to joy.

“We are not headed toward a single goal: we are on a pilgrimage toward the center of our hearts. It is in this place of prayerful repose that joy unspeakable erupts.

**Joy Unspeakable erupts when you least expect it,
when the burden is greatest,
when the hope is gone
after bullets fly.**

**It rises on the crest of impossibility,
it sways to the rhythm
of steadfast hearts,
and celebrates what we cannot see.”**

Psalm 100

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

2

Serve the Lord with celebration!
Come before him with shouts of joy!

3

Know that the Lord is God—
he made us; we belong to him.^[a]
We are his people,
the sheep of his own pasture.

4

Enter his gates with thanks;
enter his courtyards with praise!
Thank him! Bless his name!

5

Because the Lord is good,
his loyal love lasts forever;
his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

For today's prayer we will offer the people, spaces and relationships that need prayer. You will be invited to write down a name, relationship, space or situation that you would like to offer up on a rock or piece of paper.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Sing the Lord

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Offering

Psalm 116: 12-19

What can I give back to the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?

13

I'll lift up the cup of salvation.
I'll call on the Lord's name.

14

I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.

15

The death of the Lord's faithful
is a costly loss in his eyes.

16

Oh yes, Lord, I am definitely your servant!
I am your servant and the son of your female servant—
you've freed me from my chains.

17

So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you,
and I'll call on the Lord's name.

18

I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,

19

in the courtyards of the Lord's house,
which is in the center of Jerusalem.

You are invited to share what you can offer the community and a blessing you have received.

We say, Amen!

Blessing