

Order Of Service – April 11, 2021

Terry E. Carter: *Unfinished Business... Who Are We Going to Be Tomorrow?*

Music for Contemplation: *Everlasting Longing*, Kunqu opera, arr. Sha Yuan, performed by Xuifei Yang and Sha Yuan; *Dreams of Gulangyu Island* by Ren-chang Fu, performed by Xuifei Yang, Ren-chang Fu & Xiamen Philharmonic Orchestra; and *The Moon Represents My Heart* by Weng Ching-Hsi, arr. Roland Dyens, performed by Xuifei Yang (all from Xuifei Yang, *Sketches of China*, 2020). Photos by Mary MacNamee, Margery Ganz, Susan Jhirad, Andey Amata and Steve Schmidt, and © Soul Matters.

Sound of the Bell

Prelude: *Desiderata*, pianist Molly Ruggles, composed by Kamahl

Opening Words: “Desiderata” by Max Ehrmann

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: “Creation Waits”

Covenant

Love is the heart of this church.

We commit to:

Being a diverse, welcoming community of mutual care and respect;

Supporting each other's spiritual journey and search for truth and meaning;

Promoting justice and serving the wider community.

We hold ourselves to this promise with compassion and understanding.

Hymn: *We'll Build a Land*. Pianist and singer Molly Ruggles. Words by Barbara Zanottii, music by Carolyn McDade (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #121).

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

(Chorus)

Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.

(Chorus)

Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Meditation: "Do That Dance of Faith"

Offering: *Mourning Dove*, composer and pianist Molly Ruggles

Reading: "Move"

Special Music: *It's Gonna Be Ok*, composer and pianist Molly Ruggles

Sermon: *Unfinished Business ... Who Are We Going to Be Tomorrow?*

Hymn: *Once To Every Soul and Nation*. Pianist and singer Molly Ruggles. Words by James Rusell Lowell, music by Thomas John Williams. (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #119).

Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide,
in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side:
then to stand with truth is noble, when we share its wretched crust;
ere that cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
though its portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong.
Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside,
till the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied.

Closing Words: "Coronavirus Blues: A Pandemic Poem"

Postlude: *Man in the Mirror*, composed by Michael Jackson, Siedah Garrett, and Glen Ballard; pianist Molly Ruggles.