

Order Of Service – June 13, 2021

Prayers for Today and Tomorrow

Rev. Bruce Taylor

Music for Contemplation: *Hush*, African-American spiritual; *Peaceful* by Kenny Rankin; *What a Wonderful World* by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss; *Plano in the Dark* by Brenda Russell; and *Come Sunday* by Duke Ellington; all arranged and played by Molly Ruggles. Photos by Steve Schmidt, Susan Jhirad, Dana MacNamee, Mary MacNamee, Margery Ganz and Andey Amata, and © Soul Matters.

Sound of the Bell

Prelude: *Andante Sostenuto*, by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens, organist Russell Tripp

Opening Words: *Cornucopia* by Jean M. Olson from *With or Without Candlelight, a Meditation Anthology*, Victoria Safford, ed.

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: words by Michael Leunig from *When I Talk to You*

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: *Morning Has Broken*, words by Eleanor Farjeon, music: Gaelic melody. (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #38). Steve Schmidt, vocals, Russell Tripp, organ.

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Reading: *Summer Sabbath* by Kathleen McTigue from *Shine and Shadow: Meditations*

Silent Meditation

Offering: *Mourning Dove* by Molly Ruggles

Flower Communion

Consecration of the Flowers: words by Dr. Norbert Čapek

Hymn: *Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today*, words by Robert Frost, music by Cyril V. Taylor (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #64). Sung by UUCM choir.

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today,
and give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
all simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white
like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
and make us happy in the happy bees
the swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
that suddenly above the bees is heard,
the meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
and off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
the which it is reserved for God above
to sanctify to what far ends he will,
but which it only needs that we fulfill.

Sermon: *Prayers for Today and Tomorrow*

Hymn: *Lady of the Seasons' Laughter*, words by Kendyl L. R. Gibbons, music by David Hurd (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #51). Alex Daum, vocals, Molly Ruggles, piano.

Lady of the seasons' laughter, in the summer's warmth be near;
when the winter follows after, teach our spirits not to fear.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning year.

Sister of the evening starlight, in the falling shadows stay
here among us till the far light of tomorrow's dawning ray.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning day.

Mother of the generations, in whose love all life is worth
everlasting celebrations, bring our labors safe to birth.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning earth.

Goddess of all times' progression, stand with us when we engage
hands and hearts to end oppression, writing history's fairer page.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning age.

Closing Words: words by Michael Leunig from *When I Talk to You*

Postlude: *Up a Lazy River* by Hoagy Carmichael and Sidney Arodin; Molly Ruggles, piano