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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fanfare on NICAEA  
by Piet Post; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 78)

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Give ear, O God's people, to God's teaching;  
incline your ears to the words from God.

**God says, "I will open my mouth in a proverb  
and will declare riddles from days long gone..."**

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from our children; we will tell the coming generations  
the glorious deeds of the Lord and God's might and the wonders God has done.**

\*Hymn 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Zach Walker

**Holy God,  
you are merciful and mighty,  
you are perfect in power and love and purity.  
All of creation praises you in earth and sky and sea.  
Yet we confess that we do not always see you as our loving parent.  
We do not recognize you as our Lord and Savior.  
We do not follow your leading as Holy Spirit.  
Forgive us, blessed Trinity.  
Help us to see and recognize and follow you every day and in all our ways.**  
(silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response to Assurance

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Karen Stigers

Scripture

John 14:15-17 (pg. 983)

Sermon

*In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn (st. 1 soloist only)

*If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*  
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers  
and don't live out a faith that dares,  
and don't take on the ways of death,  
our thought and prayers are fleeting breath.

**If we just dream of what could be  
and do not build community,  
and do not seek to change our ways,  
our dreams of change are false displays.**

**If we just sing of doing good  
and don't walk through our neighborhood  
to learn its hope, to ease its pain,  
our talk of good is simply vain.**

**God, may our prayers and dreams and songs  
lead to a faith that takes on wrongs—**

**that works for peace and justice, too.  
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.**

Ritual of Friendship/Announcements

Litany of Peace and The Lord's Prayer

Holy One, in your great love, **hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
arr. Mark Hayes; Dr. Jennifer Sengin, soprano

\*Sung Response

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all  
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -  
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT**

\*Hymn 372 (st. 1-4)

*O For a World*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response (Hymn 372, st. 5)

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

\*Postlude

AZMON  
arr. David M. Cherwien

*\*All who are able may stand*

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Preacher and hymn-penner Carolyn Winfrey Gillette writes the following about the middle hymn: "We are called to pay attention to what is going on in the world around us and to lift up concerns and tragedies in our prayers to God. God does want us to pray and to show concern for victims and their families. Yet we can never let the words, 'They are in our thoughts and prayers,' be a substitute for seeking laws and policies that bring us a more just and peaceful world. As Christians, we are called to follow the way of Jesus and to work for peace, justice, nonviolence, better mental health care in our communities, and sensible gun laws, such as ones that restrict the availability of military weapons to civilians."

Today's vocal soloist, Dr. Jennifer Sengin, is the Raymond R. Neevel/Missouri Professor of Choral Music and Director of Choral Studies at UMKC's Conservatory where she leads the graduate choral conducting program and conducts the flagship ensemble, Conservatory Singers, and the Choral Union. In addition to ensembles, Dr. Sengin teaches graduate choral conducting and choral literature.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given in honor of victims and survivors of gun violence by Village for Gun Sense, a part of the Social Justice Committee.

**Summer Socials** – Every week following summer worship, you are invited to Friendship Hall for a half-hour gathering. Coffee and snacks will be available. This week, Village for Gun Sense will present for Gun Violence Awareness Weekend.

**Child care** is available downstairs. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-4 to Room 107. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

**Lighthouse (Children's Sunday School)** – Elementary students (rising K-6) will check-in and start worship together in the Sanctuary, then walk to Lighthouse together with teachers. Pick up after worship in Room 307.

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