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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582
by J.S. Bach; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*Call to Worship (Psalm 29)

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

The voice of God is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

**The voice of God is powerful;
the voice of God is full of majesty.**

The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of God shakes the wilderness.

**May God give strength to God's people!
May God bless all people with peace!**

*Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Alice Whitson

**Gracious God,
we glorify you for the great things you have done.
Through your voice, you taught us how to love one another.
Through your voice, you called us to share the good news of your love
with all creation.**

**Yet we confess that we do not always listen to your voice.
We get distracted by other voices that say we are not worthy of your love.
We listen to voices that tell us to focus only on ourselves.
Forgive us, O God.**

Help us to hear your voice and to follow and praise only you. (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!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Brooke Brundige

Prayer for Illumination

Ron Witzke

Scripture

John 10:1-6 (pg. 977)

Sermon

K-Pop Demon Hunters: Voices All Around Us

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 498 (st. 1-3)

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Ritual of Friendship and Announcements

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

"The Lord sets prisoners free..." (Psalm 146:7b)

by Brenda Portman

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we give you thanks...

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Anthem

One Voice

by Ruth Moody; Vocal Trio: Bonny Green,
Charlotte Thuenemann, and Dr. Elisa Bickers

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn

Singing for Our Lives
by Holly Near

We are gentle, angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are gentle, angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a land of many colors and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a land of many colors and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are gay and straight together and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are gay and straight together and we are singing, singing for our lives.

**We are a peaceful, loving people and we are singing, singing for our lives.
We are a peaceful, loving people and we are singing, singing for our lives.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 498, st. 4)

**By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

*Postlude

Nun Danket Alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)
by Egil Hovland

**All who are able may stand*

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Folk singer Holly Near wrote "Singing For Our Lives" to name that community is built of many different kinds of people. Too often we decide we are (or should be) one "type," and that's all there's room for. In reality, though, we can be gentle AND angry; we can be a supportive group of gay AND straight people; we can be grateful AND impatient folks. The repeated phrase "singing for our lives" connotes a literal AND metaphorical desire for people—all people—to be recognized as valuable and worthy of love.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, June 14, at the close of all worship services for the purpose of approving changes in the terms of call for pastors and electing Ruling Elder Henry Sewing to serve on Session to fill an unexpired term.

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, we will participate in a few quick service projects.

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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