

# CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

Open and Affirming Sunday  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020 at 10 o'clock



*O God of a thousand faces...open us up to you and to all who would touch the truth of our being, so all may see the integrity of lives given over to you, now and forever. amen.*

Miriam Therese Winter

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PRELUDE

*Quiet Prelude*

Gilbert Martin

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: Those who are thirsty, come to the fount that will not dry up.

**All: We bring our thirst here to be quenched.**

One: For those who are weary, the Spirit is a ready refuge.

**All: We bring our weariness that we might find rest.**

One: Those who feel lost, come to the One who knows the way.

**All: Lead us by the hand, by our hearts, and by hope.**

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HYMN:

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
(verses 1 & 4) Join as you are able!

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**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

OPENING PRAYER

Joseph Harrison

**O God, your child Jesus taught us to welcome each other,  
but welcome seems insignificant in this world.  
Welcome, without affirmation, becomes an empty greeting,  
welcoming one another in God's name means to see the face of God in the other.**

**We commit to affirm all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people,  
welcoming them and affirming them as God's own beloved children.**

**You taught us that whoever welcomes a prophet  
in the name of a prophet will see a prophet's reward;  
that whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person  
will receive the reward of the righteous.**

**We know that until we are all free, none of us can be free,  
and we commit to co-creating that world of welcome and affirmation  
until all people can access that promise. Amen.**

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A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

SELECTION

*Carillon Pieces*  
Eve Schmitt

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

Beverli Christensen

A SERMON IN DIALOGUE

*Holy Welcome*

Erica Avena

with: Eleanor Wight, Rayda Bouma, Glen MacLeod, Harold Steever and Jim Warner

A TIME OF 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.**

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Werde munter, mein Gemüte*  
("Become cheerful, my mind")

Johann Walther

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN:

*Dear God, Embracing Humankind*  
(verses 1 & 2) Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Dear God, embracing humankind, forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives your service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lobe de Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*  
(*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation"*)

Johann Walther