



September 13, 2020

Welcome Sunday



Worship in Sanctuary & On-Line

Words of Welcome & Announcements ~ Jan Richardson

Candle Lighting & Song of Celebration...

God is our strength; we will praise God! *(please snap & clap along...)*

We Are Marching in the Light of God #646 VU

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Call to Worship:

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe,
in ordinary days of work and play:

in every moment, God is with us.

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud,
or standing on faith's shoreline:

in every place, God is with us.

In those who teach us
and those who trouble us;
in those who surprise us,
and those who forgive us:

in everything, God is with us.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2008/09/24th-sunday-in-ordinary-timeproper-19.html>

Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Bornin' Cry #644 VU*

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Prayer ~ *Shocking Freedom*

To our souls made brittle by constant score keeping

**You are the moisture that softens
and washes the record clean;**

To our hearts exhausted from carrying the burden of being right

**You are the bed that beckons us to rest
and slip into the dream of being loved;**

To our minds confused by the logic of law

**You are the unreasonable child
who leads us to dance impishly across the lines;**

For all this we praise You,
and for the shocking freedom it brings we thank You.

Amen. John van de Laar http://sacredise.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=61

Congregational Theme/Story Time ~ *Soundscape of Exodus 14*

A Reading from Exodus 14:19-31

The Hebrew slaves find themselves in a scary place, with Pharaoh's army on one side and the sea on the other. Yet, God's love prevails. A path appears through the sea. When has God's love helped you through a difficult time?

Miriam's Psalm

Miriam was the sister of Moses and Aaron and shared leadership with her brothers during the exodus from Egypt. She led the women in song and spirited dance following the miracle at the Sea of Reeds.

Sing to God with joy,
We are God's sons and daughters.
Our liberation is at hand,
We are coming through the waters.
We who were once enslaved, will not let past pain
overtake us.
They brought our courage to its knees, but they
could never break us.
We, who were so long silent, shout the word we are
discerning.
We took the long way out, and we will never be
returning.
Shout to God with joy,
We are God's sons and daughters.
Our restoration is at hand,
We are coming through the waters.
A short while in the wilderness, will strengthen and
prepare us.

They tell of the heat and aridness, but they will
never scare us.
We are intimate with barren wastes; our lives were
near aborted.
Our deserts bloom from hidden springs, which have
yet to be reported.
Dance for God with joy,
We are God's sons and daughters.
Our transformation is at hand,
We are coming through the waters.
We can see into the Promised Land, there are giants
there to top us.
They may delay our coming in, but they will never
stop us.
We managed to make it on our own, but no more
isolation.
Together we'll turn our world around.
We are a new creation.
Sing and dance with God,
We are God's sons and daughters.
Our celebration is at hand,
We are coming through the waters.

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**Special Music ~ *Wade in the Water*, an African-American Spiritual sung by
David Goodwin, accompanied by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin**

Prayers of the Community & The Prayer of Jesus

*Let us invite the Spirit of God to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift
our needs to God in prayer.*

Commissioning & Benediction:

God and God alone defines what is possible.
May our lives, our work, our words, our witness be shaped by that truth!

We go in hope and peace.

We go in God.

Sending Forth: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #651 VU

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