



REAP THE FRUIT OF
UNFAILING LOVE
FOR IT IS TIME TO SEEK THE LORD
HOSEA 10:12

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January 14, 2024
Semi-Programmed Worship
10:00 AM

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All Are Welcome Here

Because we believe each person represents an image of the Divine and welcome the light that each individual brings, we open our doors to everyone. We encourage full participation by all in the life of our meeting. We recognize one another as equal travelers on the journey, seeking always to celebrate our joys and share our struggles together. May we create and tend an ethic of respect, reverence, safety, and listening. May we delight in our differences.

Meeting for Worship

January 14, 2024

10:00 PM Semi-programmed worship

Kathleen, Music

Welcome

First Word: For The Greater Good By Danica Silan

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I was not given a set of eyes to see the flaws in everyone I meet,

a nose to smell the polluted air,
a mouth to gossip, to hate or to judge,
two ears to hear fighting or hurtful words,
two hands to worship the ground others walk on,
two feet to walk over everybody else,
a mind to not understand the way things work.

Instead, I was given a pair of eyes to look deep into people's souls and see the good in them,

a nose to sniff my sweet-smelling surroundings,
a mouth to stand up for what is right and say what I feel,
a pair of ears to listen to the beautiful melodies of the voices around me,
hands to reach out and help others in need,
feet to walk in other people's shoes,
a mind to think about others before myself.

I take things for granted far more than I should.

I will start to use my blessings for the greater good.

Song: We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

We are climbing Jacob's ladder

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Brothers, sisters, all

Every rung goes higher and higher

Every rung goes higher and higher

Every rung goes higher and higher

Brothers, sisters, all

We are dancing Sarah's circle

We are dancing Sarah's circle

We are dancing Sarah's circle

Sisters, brothers, all

Every round a generation

Every round a generation

Every round a generation

Sisters, brothers, all

We are climbing Jacob's ladder

We are climbing Jacob's ladder

We are climbing Jacob's ladder

Brothers, sisters, all

Pause for Reflection

Scripture: Amos 5: 14,15,24

¹⁴ Seek good, not evil,
that you may live.

Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say [God] is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good;
maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy
on the remnant of Joseph.

²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Song: Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make me a means of Your Peace.

Where there's hatred grown, Let me sow your love.

Where there's injury, Lord, Let forgiveness be my sword.

Lord make me a means of your Peace.

Lord make me a means of Your Peace.

Where there's doubt and fear, Let me sow your faith.

In this world's despair, Give me hope in you to share.

Lord make me a means of your Peace.

Lord make me a means of Your Peace.

When there's sadness here, Let me sow your joy.

When the darkness nears,

May Your light dispel our fears.

Lord make me a means of Your Peace.

Lord grant me to seek and to share.

Less to be consoled, Than to help console.

Less be understood, Than to understand Your good.

Lord make me a means of Your Peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:

to receive love less than to give love free,
just to give in thee, just receiving from your tree.

Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
to forgive in thee, you've forgiven me;

for to die in thee is eternal life to me.

Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Pause for Reflection

Message: Justice

Open Worship

Are all Hearts and Minds clear?

(when the question is asked toward the end of open worship, if you are still in prayer about something or you have something you are led to say, you can shake your head "no" and we will wait for your prayer time to be completed, and we will continue to pray with you in the meantime)

Joys and Concerns

Closing Prayer

Announcements

- *Peace Prayer for a Ceasefire
Every Wednesday at 6:30*
- *Meditation Monday 22nd at 6:00*
- *January 21, 2024 – Peace and Social Concerns at 9:00 AM*
- *January 21, 2024 – Meeting for Business after worship*
- *January 21, 2024 – Rumi Class @ 3:00*

**Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

Closing Hymn: Here I Am Lord

1) Here I Am Lord
I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in darkness now,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

2) I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

3) I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?