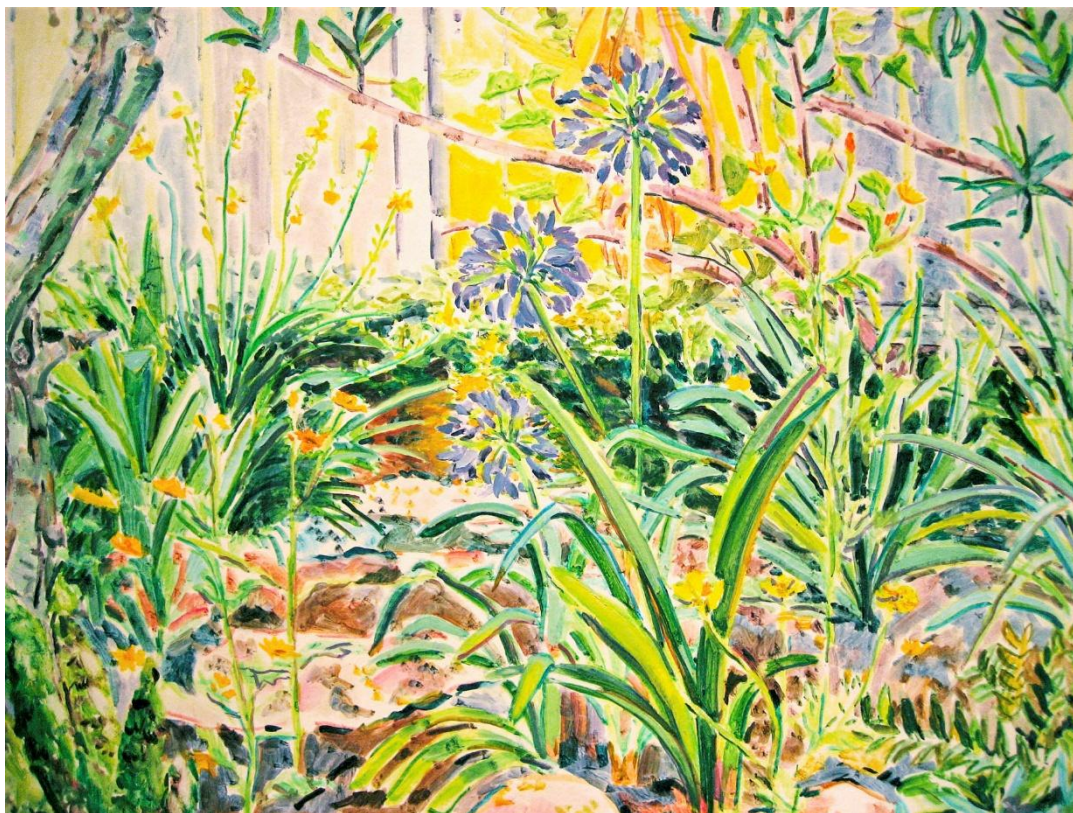


Worship with Communion

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Kitty Dudics
Lily of the Nile

Opening Sentences

- The Lord is our eternal dwelling place; from age to age, the Lord is our God.
- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Psalm 33

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

We will praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song.

We will praise the Lord!

For the Lord has done great things.

We will praise the Lord!

Let us worship together.

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

GG #664

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Prayer of the Day

Blessed are you,
God of growth and discovery;
yours is the inspiration
that has altered and changed our lives;
yours is the power that has brought us
to new dangers and opportunities.
Set us, your new creation,
to walk through this new world,
watching and learning,
loving and trusting,
until your kingdom comes.
Amen.

Call to Confession

Confident in the promise of grace,
let us confess to God our need for that grace.



Chris Carson
False Dayflower

Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate Lord,
we yearn for that mysterious gift of *shalom*.
We long for healing and wholeness,
for peace and comfort.
But the gift so often seems elusive.
Touch our hearts and heal our weary souls.
Bless our wounds,
that we may bless others in need of your love.
Soothe our fears with courage,
that we may be strong enough to answer your call.
Raise us into new life with your miraculous grace,
that we may be blessings of miraculous grace
in your world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, we are God's people.
Hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel:
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Act of Praise Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, v. 1 GG #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Time with the Younger Church

Life of the Church

Prayer for Illumination

May your word fall into our hearts this day, O God,
as breath comes into dust,
as water feeds rivers and fields,
rich with healing,
abundant, alive, and true. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. (11.2)

Hymn

Healer of our Every Ill

GG #795

*Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness:
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Refrain

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

Refrain

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Refrain

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Refrain



Bradley Kerl
Watching My Garden Grow All By Myself

Invitation to the Offering

Our generous God, the source of all we have,
invites us to give in gratitude and joy
so that we can bless others
as we have been blessed.

Let us bring to God our offerings.

This morning, we are also receiving gifts
to the Power of Hope fund,

which provides assistance to members of this faith community.

Offertory

Act of Dedication Glory to God, v. 2

GG #582

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of unending gifts,
we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous, we want to be generous too.
May the gifts we bring
extend your generosity into the world,
so that all people may be made whole
by your goodness and grace. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Beloved, you are invited to this table.
It has been set for us
by the goodness and grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us come with grateful hearts
to partake of this holy meal.

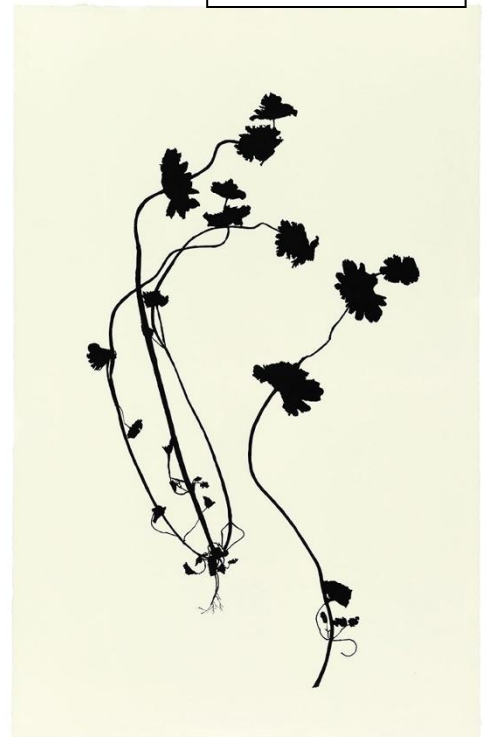
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God,
Maker of heaven and earth.
In the beginning, you spoke –
calling all things into being,
claiming a covenant people,
choosing them to be a blessing.
You are the source of life;
you are the land of promise;
you are the hope of generations.

For your love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and praise,
joining the hymn of our ancestors:

Mia Carameros
Sidewalk with Mabel



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God,
Savior and Sovereign of all.
Out of captivity, you called us –
redeeming us from oppression,
leading us through the waters,
delivering us from death to life.
You are the bread of heaven;
you are living water from a stone;
you are the Lord, the great I AM.

As we receive this holy meal,
we remember Christ our Passover,
proclaiming the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O God,
Spirit of wisdom and joy.
In this assembly, you pour out grace –
transforming the bread and the cup,
revealing the flesh and the blood,
building up the body of Christ.
You are our daily destination;
you are our earthly pilgrimage;
you are our heavenly home.

With heart and soul and might
we will love and serve you alone,
glorifying your holy name.
All thanks and praise to you, O triune God,
now and forever.
Amen.



Elizabeth Chapin
Magnolia Sconce

Let us pray together as Christ has taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Sharing Bread and Cup

The Sacrament is Carried Beyond the Sanctuary

We send you out with this bread and cup
to share the feast of the risen Lord.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.**

Bradley Kerl
Post Vet



Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we give you thanks
that you have made us one
at the table of Christ our Lord.
Send us forth,
in the power of your Spirit,
to proclaim the peace of Christ
and share your reconciling love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Hymn I Come with Joy, v. 1-4

GG #515

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

I Come with Joy, v. 5

GG #515

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love
that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Postlude



Susie Phillips
Two Singing Birds

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