

WORSHIP

October 4, 2020

“Forgiveness is the only way to heal ourselves and to be free from the past. Without forgiveness, we remain tethered to the person who harmed us...that person will be our jailor. When we forgive, we take back control of our own fate and our own feelings. We become our own liberator.”

~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu

“This is where the power of forgiveness lies – not losing sight of the humanity of the person while responding to the wrong with clarity and firmness.”

~ His Holiness the Dalai Lama

“Slide the weight from your shoulders and move forward. You are afraid you might forget, but you never will. You will forgive and remember.”

~ Barbara Kingsolver

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.”

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Call to Worship

God of grace, we come with all we have;
bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you.

We have come for a glimpse
of your kingdom of kindness--

a world where love rules over all,

a world where enemies embrace,

distinctions between friend and foe
evaporating in the light of your love.

**We dedicate this hour of worship to you
and to your kingdom come. Amen.**

- written by Carol Penner

Hymn

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” ~ TFWS #2128 vs. 1, 3

Time for Kids

Shelley Ahn-Wong

Scripture Lesson

Message

Robbie Frederiksen

Special Music

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Creator 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen

Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" ~ UMH #383 vs. 1, 3, 4

Sending Forth

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is darkness, light

And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may

Not so much seek to be consoled as to console

To be understood, as to understand

To be loved, as to love

For it is in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life
Amen
(Prayer of St. Francis)