Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship
Sunday, January 17, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
People: The prophet Amos had a dream!

Leader: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
People: Isaiah had a dream.

Leader: "I say to you today, my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream."
All: Dr. King had a dream!
We share these dreams! Let us worship God!

HYMN 12 **"Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"**
Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
Music: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839
ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know you call us to dwell in your Shalom, a place of peace and wholeness. And yet sometimes we remain locked in our own small worlds. We are divided from within as we strive for independence and individuality, and from without as we set ourselves apart from one another based on differences, distinctions, judgments and opinions. Unite us around our common humanity and our shared longings for peace and justice. Liberate us by your Spirit as we sing and pray, and as we dream ourselves into the future in which you call us to dwell. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 2:1-11

THE SERMON *The Song of Mary, the Song of Martin*

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

HYMN 761 **"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**
Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
Music: John Zundel, 1870
BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us.

I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.

I believe there is an urgent need for people to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression.

I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace, a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.

I believe the foundation of this way is love.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. I believe that right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

I believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up.

By the goodness of the Creator at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed. "And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together . . . and none shall be afraid."

Adapted from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
Acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN 372 **"O for a World"**

Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828
AZMON

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE