Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

“Blessing For a Whole Heart”

You think if you could just imagine it, that would be a beginning; that if you could envision what it would look like, that would be a step toward a heart made whole.

This blessing is for when you cannot imagine.

This is for when it is difficult to dream of what could lie beyond the fracture, the rupture, the cleaving through which has come a life you do not recognize as your own.

When all that inhabits you feels foreign, your heart made strange and beating a broken and unfamiliar song, let there come a word of hope, a voice that speaks into the shattering,
reminding you that who you are is here, every shard somehow holding the whole of you that you cannot see but is taking shape even now, every part of you coming together in an ancient, remembered rhythm that bears you not toward restoration, not toward return - as if you could somehow become unchanged - but steadily deeper into the heart of the one who has already dreamed you complete.

Gathering Song
“Sim Shalom”
(Give peace, kindness and blessing)

Gathering Prayer
May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we shout for justice,
And as one we fight against oppression.
May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we seek God’s Truth
And as one we sing God’s praise.
May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we imagine God’s call for transformation,
And as one we enter the unknown days ahead.
May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we proclaim the good news of God’s kingdom,
And as one we enjoy its peace, and abundance and love.
Amen.

Children’s Time/Senior Sunday
Honoring Davis Gabel, graduating from Rockwood Summit HS

Invitation to the Offering
“We are mush right now.
We are messy, fragile, unprotected, insecure,
unrecognizable, disoriented, developing,
transforming, imaginal beings.
We are in that liminal space
between what was and what can be.
Our becoming something better on the other side of this
is not guaranteed.
But with the right conditions,
with the awakening of people to the beauty of our planet
and the intimacy of our connection to everyone and everything,
we have the chance to become something new.”
- Rev.Cameron Trimble
The Offertory

Doxology

“Hallelujah”
(sung twice)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja, Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja, Hal-le-lu-ja, hal-le-lu-ja.

Prayer of Dedication

O Still-speaking God,
We place these gifts before you in gratitude.
Transform them into something new and life-giving.
Out of messy, make amazing.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:27-29 (The Message)

You’ll know without question
that I’m in the thick of life with Israel,
That I’m your God, yes, your God,
the one and only real God.
Never again will my people be despised.
“And that’s just the beginning: After that—
“I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy,
also your daughters.
Your old men will dream,
your young men will see visions.
I’ll even pour out my Spirit on the servants,
men and women, [all genders], everyone.

Message

“Imaginal”

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kindom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Response

“A Million Dreams”
Ben Pasej/Justin Paul
Amelia Lloyd, vocalist

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Betsy

An Invitation to Imagine

“Blessing of Courage”
A Communion Blessing  Lev Reynolds
This is for you, but it may change you from one who is anxiously concerned about their own redemption into one who knows that Christ’s body is the Church and all who walk with it, are one in him

knowing that we are not redeemed by our being good but by our being connected

knowing that daring to eat at the table of Jesus Christ will prompt transformation and require courage.

So come, come to be made whole, and to participate in the work of making us one with him and each other.

Bless this bread that its nourishment might move us in unexpected holy ways. Bless this cup that our thirst for Truth and justice might be quenched beyond our imagining. Amen, and Amen.

The Words of Institution (Participants are invited to have with them bread to nourish one’s body, and drink to quench one’s thirst. We will partake in the communion elements together in our own homes.)

An Interlude of Creativity  Stephanie Sant’Ambrogio
violin and viola

Prayer of Thanksgiving  Lev Reynolds

O God of holy dreams and wild imagining, you have filled us with all we need to heed your call and make a difference in your world. 
May your reconciling power of peace and courage be felt deeply, now and forever more.
Amen.

Blessing and Commissioning  Praying for our graduates
Sources:

Call to Worship is by Jan Richardson, in The Cure for Sorrow, 2016, p. 137.

Gathering Prayer is adapted from Christine Sine’s Godspace website. http://godspace.wordpress.com/2013/08/19/i-have-a-dream-a-prophetic-speech-now-50-years-old/.

Invitation to Offering from Rev. Cameron Trimble, CEO of Convergence, April 28, 2020.


Invitation to Imagine written by Jan Richardson, In The Cure for Sorrow, 2016, pp. 149-150.
Sim Shalom

Sung as a Round

Natalie Young

Part 1
Cadd9 C/B Amin F G
Sim shal - dome to va - u va ra - cha sim shalom
Cadd9 C/B Amin Dmin7 G7 C(add9)

Part 2
Cadd9 C/B Amin F G
Sim shal - dome to va - u va ra - cha
Cadd9 C/B Amin Dmin7 G7 Cadd9
Sim shal - dome sim shal - dome

Part 3
Cadd9 C/B Amin F G
Sim shal - dome to va - u va ra - cha
Cadd9 C/B Amin Dmin7 G7 Cadd9
sim shal - dome sim shal - dome

Translation: Give peace, Kindness and blessing.
Sim shalom, tovah uv'ra'hah
Dream God's Dream

Music & Lyrics By Bryan C. Sirchio

Written as a theme song for the Illinois South Conference Senior High Youth Retreat on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Holiday weekend, 1992.

Chorus

Dream God's Dream! Holy Spirit help us
dream of a world where there is justice, and where
ev'ryone is free to build and grow and
love, and to simply have enough—the world will change, when we dream God's Dream.

Verses

I'm dreaming of a world, where the
I'm dreaming of the call God is
I'm dreaming of the way that I
color of one's skin will mean less than what's with-
offering to me—how to use my en-
want my life to go. I've got hopes and I've got
in the person's heart. A world where wa-
ter's
my best gifts; to do the work of
goals I'd like to meet. I'm reaching for the
clean, and where air is safe to breathe. And
Christ—to say God please use my life to
stars, but I won't forget the scars of
ev'ry child born has enough to eat...
spread Your healing love—and to live Your Truth...
Christ Who died to show that The Dream's for all...

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