September 6, 2020
GUIDE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Our “Opening Night” Medley!

Call to Worship

Together
we come from many places!
We come from homes nearby,
we come from backyards far away.
Together
despite the distance,
our spirit is harnessed,
our energy is powerful,
our centering is on
the One that is Holy, unstoppable,
our Opening to shalom!
Good Morning, KUCC!
Gathering Song

“Good Morning, KUCCI!”
adapted from “Hairspray”
Amelia Lloyd, vocalist

Marc Shaiman

Gathering Prayer

Gift-giver, you call us together,  
with our different gifts,  
our different ideas,  
our different tastes.

You call us together,  
knowing that we need all parts of the body  
if we are to be whole.

You call us together,  
to sing, to pray, to listen, to speak.  
To be refreshed  
so that we can go out and serve.

You call us together  
in the name of the One  
who opens us, opens us, opens us...  
Amen, and Amen.

Barb Harris

Children’s Time

Music for Reflection

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:1-7 (The Message)
What I want to talk about now is the various ways God’s Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn't know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It’s different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say “Jesus be damned!” Nor would anyone be inclined to say “Jesus is Master!” without the insight of the Holy Spirit. God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.

Message

“Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah!”

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.
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Blessing

God of all creation,
from the beginning you have made this world in love,
and you have created us to live in love.
We see your glory in the tender orchid,
in the thunderous storm,
in the production assistant, the stage manager
and the lead actor.
All glory and honor are yours, O God,
for you bring life out of chaos,
dancing in the midst of uncertainty,
and hopefulness through collaboration.

We give thanks that abundant life is made known to us
and is present within us, in Jesus.
By him and with him and in him,
the web of your love is made whole,
and we with it.
Bless this bread,
that our bodies might be nourished
to bring forth your vibrant love in the world around us.
Bless this cup,
that our souls might be reconciled
to both our sins and triumphs,
making us stronger for the work that lies ahead.

Amen, and Amen.

“Seasons of Love”
Jonathan Larson
from “Rent”
Merry Keller, vocalist

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.)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

“The Open Table”
Amelia Lloyd, vocalist
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We came earnestly seeking God;
we go forth having known God in this place.

May we know, throughout the week,
God’s love that is better than life.
Praise God for Opening Nights,
and the lyrics and melodies that move us!
Amen, and Amen.

Thanksgiving to God

Blessing and Commissioning

Sending Forth Song

“Seize the Day”
from “Newsies”
Merry Keller, vocalist

Sources: