

Worship Folder - July 19, 2020

Liturgy: Beguiled by Beauty

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GATHERING

Threshold Moment

Prayer of Opening

Hymn of Beauty: ELW #879 For the Beauty of the Earth, vss 1-3



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

WORD

Searching for Beauty: A Time for Children

Lectio Divina

Ezekiel 31: 3-7 [Inclusive Bible]

Sermon

Overview: All things are beautiful - not by a standard of “pretty” as seen by our eyes, but by an essence of sacred worth that is sensed by the spirit. This is the root and heart of compassion and justice. Beauty is the threshold to Divine Goodness and a door into radical compassion. “The difficulty and crisis of the world is overwhelming. It is virtually impossible to bear it without very deep resources. A life of prayer does not take us out of life but deeper into it.” We pursue a contemplative life to intensify spiritual capacities so that we might live as Beloveds of God who extend Goodness in the world.

Visio Divina

Hymn of the Day: “Look Around”Marsha Jean Moors-Charles
arr. Caleb Collins

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Opportunities for Service

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: ELW #331 As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude / Benediction / Song Reprise

COMMUNION

Communion Liturgy

Divine Goodness and Love is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ... And so, in remembrance of your beautiful acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

You will be sent to breakout rooms where I invite you to “serve” those in the room with you. Take turns going around the room saying the words, “(Name), the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.” After you have heard the words for you, eat the bread and drink the wine/ juice before you.

If your room has questions, you can ask via chat or return to the main room. After everyone has been served, click the “leave room” button to return to the main room for the final blessing.

Post-Communion Blessing

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude / Benediction / Song Reprise