



January 31, 2021

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God of Love and God of Power

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the path of your justice, Lord, we wait for you;

People: with all our being, we long for your name and your acclaim.

OPENING HYMN #578

God of Love and God of Power

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour

grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;

slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;

offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eric Galloway

Gracious God,

as the scriptures are read

and your Word proclaimed,

shine the light of your Holy Spirit

to expose our sins

and illuminate our hope

in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will

hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO *Lord, Here Am I* C. Courtney
Nathanael Hein, tenor; Allegra Hein, pianist

O Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."
Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."
Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou are divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Psalm 33:1-6, 10-11, 16-22

Leader: Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord;
it is fitting for the upright to praise God.

**People: Praise God with melodies on the lyre;
make music on the ten-stringed harp.**

Leader: Sing a new song of praise to God;
play skillfully on the harp, and sing with joy.

**People: For the word of the Lord holds true,
and we can trust everything God does.**

Leader: God loves what is just and good;
the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth.

**People: The Lord merely spoke,
and the heavens were created.
God breathed the word,
and all the stars were born.**

Leader: The Lord frustrates the plans of the nations
and thwarts all their schemes.
But the Lord's plans stand firm forever;
God's intentions can never be shaken.

**People: The best-equipped army cannot save a ruler,
nor is great strength enough to save a warrior.
Do not count on your warhorse to give you victory—
for all its strength, it cannot save you.**

Leader: But the Lord watches over those who fear God,
those who rely on God's unfailing love,
who rescues them from death
and keeps them alive in times of famine.

**People: We wait for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield.**

Leader: In the Lord our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in God's holy name.

**People: Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord,
for our hope is in you alone.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #2177

Wounded World that Cries for Healing

***Wounded world that cries for healing - here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion, hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!***

***Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.***

***Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness heal each other by our care.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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, forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Surplus Oil

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #157

Jesus Shall Reign

***Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.***

***Blessings abound where'er he reigns: all pris'ners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.***

***Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

T. Salomé

*The white carnation on the altar is in celebration of the life of Yolanda Floreancig
who passed away on January 23.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Eric Galloway, *Liturgist*

John Hague & Dick Tiller-Luchtman, *Audio Visual*

Nathanael Hein, *Soloist*

Allegra Hein, *Pianist*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*

The Synoptic Puzzle

Dr. Perry Kea Virtual Study

Sundays, Feb. 21-March 21 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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