

Morning Liturgy

July 12, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Way beyond all journeying. Truth behind all mystery. Life within all living.

Many: We praise you.

One: Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness, midwife of a better future.

Many: We praise you.

One: Ground of all being, judge of all nations, conscience of the universe.

Many: We praise you.

One: Maker, Redeemer, confessor, companion, befriender, inspirer, God beyond all names:

Many: We praise you.

Song #137 He Came Down

Prayer

You are the Word behind all words, the calm at the core of the storm, the energy that sustains creation. You are the present in the pain behind the tears, the laughter in the eyes, the yearning in the heart. All these you share, yet your gift to us is much more. So open us up, Lord, we, whose lives are locked, whose thoughts are well-rehearsed, whose prayer is predictable. Open us up to depths we have not explored, truths we have avoided, paths we have not followed, beauty we have yet to admire. And open us up to Jesus, in whom all things are held together for God and for our good. Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Sermon

Prayer

Because you, God, love the world, because in Christ you walked it, we dare to pray:

God, send your spirit, **Renew the life of the earth.**

To connect the words of ancient scripture to the life of the world today; to let the urgent summons of Jesus surpass our reticence to respond:

God, send your spirit, **Renew the life of the earth.**

To awaken the minds of those in power to the realities of those they govern; to confront the arrogance of the privileged with the vulnerability of the poor:

God, send your spirit, **Renew the life of the earth.**

To engage the fragile state of the planet with those who carelessly abuse it; to let the pain of those who are hurting awaken the caring potential in the healthy:

God, send your spirit, **Renew the life of the earth.**

To eradicate the distance between our convictions and commitments, our potentials and our performance, our prayers and our politics, our faith and our discipleship:

God, send your spirit, **Renew the life of the earth.**

Convince us, gracious God, that matter matters and that all is up for redemption. And since in Jesus you destined all to be changed and made new, enable us to be agents of your purpose.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior, the one who taught us to pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song #353 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Charge and Blessing

One: Is it true that God loves the world?

Many: Amen. This is true.

One: Is it true that God loves all people?

Many: Amen. This is true.

One: Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

Many: Amen. This is true.

One: Then let us go as those whom God has called, to bear witness to the love and justice of heaven, and be beacons of light and signs of transformation, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Many: Amen.