

Order of Worship | June 30, 2024, 10:00 am

All music is from the **Black New Century Hymnal** in your pew back, unless noted with (p. X).

* indicates moments in the service where you are invited to stand or rise in spirit
Please join in reading those parts printed in **bold**.

Prelude

Welcome & *Passing the Peace

We invite you to welcome one another with a sign of God's hospitality and peace

*Gathering Song "Womb of Life and Source of Being" (p. 3)

Prayers of the People

After PotP, children will gather with Ms. Janis in the back for Children's Church

Parents are invited to go pick up their child(ren) during the Postlude

Parents may also use the nursery outside the back of the sanctuary at any time

Centering Moment

This is your time to center more deeply into the presence of God/Love. We invite you to take a slow, deep breath, read the quotes below, and then: ponder the Meditation Question(s); breathe through the Breath Prayer; or just let the music wash over you.

"My God is a curvy Black woman with dreadlocks and dark, cocoa-brown skin. She laughs from her belly and is unashamed to cry. She can rock a whole world to sleep... Her sighs breathe life into humanity. Her heartbreaks cause eruptions of justice and love. Of course, because God is a mystery, we don't know everything about Her. So out of our imaginations and yearnings, our hopes and our fears, we make stuff up."

~ Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

"'Circling around' is all we can do. Our speaking of God is a search for similes, analogies, and metaphors... We can say, 'It's like ...,' but we can never say, 'It is...'" because we are in the realm of transcendence. And we must—absolutely must—maintain a fundamental humility before the Great Mystery. If we do not, religion always worships itself and its formulations and never God." ~ Richard Rohr

Meditation Questions

The Spirit is ever calling us to embrace a more expansive understanding of God

1. What image or metaphor for God is getting in the way of opening yourself to the Divine? Can you allow yourself to let it go?
2. What new image or metaphor—from nature, from community, or from an aspect of your life—is speaking to you about the Divine Mystery? How does it illuminate the Divine to you?

Breath Prayer

"Breath Prayer" is an ancient Christian form of prayer done by choosing one or two lines to meditate on, and to inhale / exhale through them. This helps us unite our prayers with our full being. Take a moment to breathe through this line as your centering prayer.

Inhale: God is bigger than my boxes. | **Exhale:** I open myself to transcendence.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Response "Ground and Source of All that Is" vv. 1-3 (p. 4)

Scripture Exodus 3:7-10, 13-15; 1 John 4:7-8, 12, 20-21

Sermon “What We Talk About When We Talk About God”

Sung Response “Ground and Source of All that Is” verse 5 (p. 4)

Holy Communion

We practice an “open table”—everyone is welcome to receive God’s gifts. We invite you to join us by using whatever “elements” you have with you—whether grape juice and bread, or coffee and cookies, or apple juice and animal crackers. God takes our ordinary offerings and makes them holy, so bring what you have!

Invitation & Words of Institution

***Sharing Bread & Cup**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Shared Life & Offering

Offering Opportunities

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn** #401 “O God in Whom All Life Begins”

***Benediction**

Postlude

Thank you for joining us! We look forward to having you join us again!

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WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Music Director:** Gary Mattin

Children’s Church Coordinator: Janis Schnurr-Trebe | **Liturgist:**

Ushers: Alice Whitney and Bev & Skip Schramer

Ushers for July 7: Paula von Ende, Chris Borresen, and Skip Schramer

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“Womb of Life and Source of Being”
sung to tune of Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Verse 1

***Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart
In your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start
We, your children gather ‘round you, at the table you prepare
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care***

Verse 2

***Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend
Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be
Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity***

Verse 3

***Mother, Brother, Holy Partner, Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever, one in three, and three in one
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new
Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you***

"Ground and Source of All That Is"
Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

Ground and source of all that is, one that an - chors all our roots,
 Lov - er of ten thou - sand names, ho - ly pres - ence all have known,
 Nat - ure by whose laws we live, au - thor of our d - n - a,
 En - er - gy of heav'n - ly spheres, spark with - in the in - sect mind,
 Call to kind - ness, call to serve, free - dom for our chos - en course,

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Be - ing of all ways and forms, deep - est home and fi - nal truth.
 Beau - ty ev - er wel - com - ing, my - ster - y to stir the soul.
 All - com - pel - ling call to life, draw - ing one and all the same.
 Un - seen pulse to charge our plans, bring - ing or - der and sur - prise.
 Guide and friend for all who dream, nour - ished by our ground and source.

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We live and move in you. We live and move in you.