

Order of Worship
August 16th, 2020

Organ Prelude (Simon)

Welcome and Announcements (Laura)

Call to Worship/Invocation/The Lord's Prayer (Laura)

Hymn #243 As We Are Gathered

Pastoral Prayer (Carleen Gerber)

Scripture Readings: (John Higgins)

Isa. 58:10-11 (Complete Jewish Bible translation), 58:12 (NRSV)

Generously offer food to the hungry
and meet the needs of the person in trouble;
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your gloom become like noon.

[the Lord] will always guide you;
he will satisfy your needs in the desert,
he will renew the strength in your limbs;
so that you will be like a watered garden,
like a spring whose water never fails.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Second Reading from John Lewis's memoir, *Across that Bridge*:

"You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone—any person or any force—dampen, dim or diminish your light. Study the path of others to make your way easier and more abundant...Clothe yourself in the work of love, in the revolutionary work of nonviolent resistance against evil. Anchor the eternity of love in your own soul and embed this planet with its goodness ... Our struggle to affirm the light despite oppression, depression, conflict, poverty, hunger, disease, violence, and brutality is a loving gift we give to ourselves and one another to help humanity move toward the day when we can readily separate the light from the darkness and the equal incandescent beauty of the light that is in us all."

Third Reading: A reading from the gospel of Mark 4:30-32 (Mariame Biuma Kazadi)
(NRSV)

Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Sermon: The Good-Trouble Gospel (The Rev. Ashley Makar, Lisa Feltes, soloist)

Reflections (Mariame Biuma Kazadi)

Hymn #476 We Shall Overcome

Benediction