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Sunday, June 14, 2020
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Divine Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, Pastor

MOMENT OF SILENCE *Let us prepare our hearts and minds in silence to worship God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive*]

Tiye Kurtz-Miott & Neil Wade

ONE: I'm determined to watch steps and tongue
So they won't land me in trouble.
I decided to hold my tongue
As long as Wicked is in the room.
"Mum's the word," I said, and kept quiet.
But the longer I kept silence
The worse it got-
My insides got hotter and hotter.
My thoughts boiled over;
I spilled my guts.

MANY: **My grandparents prayed for change.**

"What am I doing in the meantime, Lord?
Hoping, that's what I'm doing – hoping
You'll save me from a rebel life,
Save me from the contempt of dunces.
I'll say no more, I'll shut my mouth,
Since you, Lord, are behind all this.
But I can't take it much longer.

My mother hoped for change.

"Ah, God, Listen to my prayer, my
Cry - open your ears.
Don't be callous;
Just look at these tears of mine.
I'm a stranger here. I don't know my way-
A migrant like my whole family.
Give me a break, cut me some slack
Before it's too late and I'm out of here."

I expect change.

I waited and waited and waited for God.

At last he looked; finally he listened.

He lifted me out of the ditch,

Pulled me from deep mud.

He stood me up on a solid rock

To make sure I wouldn't slip.

He taught me how to sing the latest God-song.

a praise-song to our God.

More and more people are seeing this:

They enter the mystery,

Abandoning themselves to God.

~ Psalm 39-40 excerpted (The Message); words from Neil Wade

OPENING SONG

We Are Called (TFWS 2172)

Joan Miller, Song Leader

1. Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

*We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!*

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

*We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!*

Refrain

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

*God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love!*

Refrain

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Luke 10:25-28

There's a season for everything
and a time for every matter under the heavens:
a time for giving birth and a time for dying,
a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,
a time for killing and a time for healing,
a time for tearing down and a time for building up,
a time for crying and a time for laughing,
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,
a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,
a time for searching and a time for losing,
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,
a time for tearing and a time for repairing,
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,
a time for loving and a time for hating,
a time for war and a time for peace.

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."^[a]

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

MESSAGE

Doing, Undoing, Listening, Being, Acting

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, Pastor, Laurel Williams, Sherri Elinson, Margaret LeWright
LMUMC Worship Vitality Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Pam will lift up prayer requests previously sent to her.

*When the pastor says "Lord," the people respond: "**Hear Our Prayer.**"*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION & PRAYER OVER OFFERINGS

Please prepare your checks for mailing, or cash for drop off at the church office while our Music Director leads us in our Thanksgiving Song.

THANKSGIVING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

***We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.***

***And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.***

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Stephanie Gameros

Forgive grievances and injustice:	Forgive us, Lord
Aloofness and indifference:	Forgive us, Lord
For weakness and transgressions:	Forgive us, Lord
Resistance and rebellion:	Forgive us, Lord
For your eternal mercy:	Forgive us, Lord
In your sustaining grace:	Forgive us, Lord

SILENT PRAYER FOR CONFESSION & HOPE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

In Christ Jesus, we are all forgiven. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go to your windows now, open them, and with joyful noise proclaim,
"Peace be with you all!" then come back!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

GRATITUDE TIMES *Gratitudes previously sent to Rev. Pam will be shared.*

CLOSING SONG

Turn, Turn, Turn

Joan Miller

Refrain:

To everything (turn, turn, turn)

There is a season (turn, turn, turn)

And a time to every purpose, under heaven

A time to be born, a time to die

A time to plant, a time to reap

A time to kill, a time to heal

A time to laugh, a time to weep

To everything (turn, turn, turn)

There is a season (turn, turn, turn)

And a time to every purpose, under heaven

A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together
To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven

A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing
To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven

A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late.
To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven

BENEDICTION

Rev. Pam

All raise hand, palm facing outward and wave goodbye.