

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 25, 2020 at 10 am

Welcome / Call to Worship

Tom Elson

Mission Pastor

Song of Gathering

PRAISE TO THE LORD

The Almighty, the King of creation

O my soul praise him

For he is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near

Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord

Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth

Shielded thee under his wings

Yea, so gently sustaineth

Hast thou not seen, how thy desires have been

Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord

who will prosper thy work and defend thee

surely his goodness and mercy

will daily attend thee

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

if with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord

O let all that is in me adore him

All that hath life and breath

Come now with praises before him

Let the amen, sound from his people again

Gladly forever adore him

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, tr. Catherine Winkworth

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Prayer of Confession

Joe Thackwell

Interim Director of University Engagement

Lord, you have placed us in this city, next to this university, among this community that we love. You have taught us how to consider and love our neighbors over the years. Yet as the culture wars continue to rage, we confess that we are fearful and anxious. We confess that we allow ourselves to be divided and that we are hesitant to listen to the people and voices you send to guide us.

Lord, in your mercy, interrupt us in our fear and draw us to yourself. May we face you with honesty and humility, and ask ourselves: What are the next steps of love that we can take toward our neighbors? What healing awaits us as we do? Lord, we confess that we are not yet ready, but we ask you to make us ready, O Lord. Make us ready!

Hear now our personal confessions in the quiet of our own hearts:

[silent prayer]

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15

Friends, believe the good news!

All : In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Let's regather: please mute your audio and return to speaker view.

Sermon

CALLED TO COMPASSION
Charlene Han Powell

Senior Pastor

2 Kings 5:1-14

New Revised Standard Version

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought

that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Call to Give

Mandy Ostrander

University Ministries Interim Program Lead

Prayers of the People

Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga

Minister for Christian Formation

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.

Song of Response

John Yoo

Director for Contemporary Worship

HOLY SPIRIT LIVING BREATH OF GOD
Holy Spirit, living breath of God
breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole

Cause your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for your purity
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within
May your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude

Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
giving life to all that God has made
Show your power once again on earth
Cause your church to hunger for your ways

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
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Holy Spirit Living Breath of God
Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
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Benediction
Charlene Han Powell