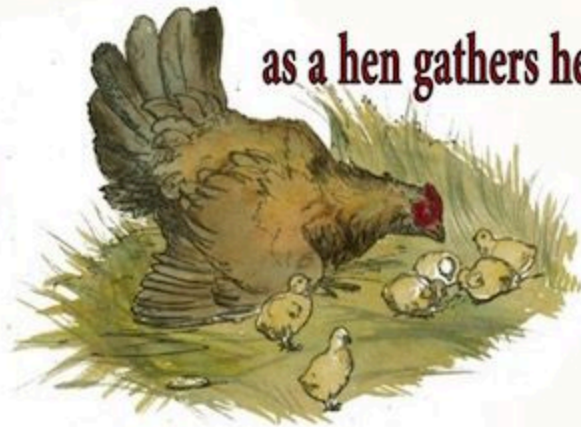


Oh Jerusalem !

How often would I have gathered your children together

as a hen gathers her brood under her wings



And you would not

Luke 13:34

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“God...chose the low way: power in humility; strength perfected in weakness; the last shall be first; blessed are the least of these.”— Micheal Gerson

Welcome to Worship

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(...singing Happy Birthday, God Loves You!)

***Call to Worship**

One: Please Stand in body or in spirit for the Call to Worship.

One: One step on the path,

All: We are returning home.

One: Drawing closer to God,

All: We are coming back home.

One: Seeing the errors we've made,

All: We are turning toward home.

One: Knowing more about ourselves,

All: We are making our way home.

One: Trusting in God's embrace,

All: We are coming home.

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn 664 – Morning Has Broken**

A Time for Children

Celebrations, Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer...

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

All: Source of all life, We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

(Please share the Peace of Christ with each other)

Our Offerings to God

Offertory Music

***Doxology (607)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, Whom we adore. Amen

Offering Prayer

All: Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, when I think of you as I fall asleep and meditate on you in the watches of the night, for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Anthem **As the Deer**

Scripture Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” Jesus said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

***Sending Hymn** 250 – In the Bulb There is a Flower

***Benediction**

***Song: Let There be Peace on Earth**

Postlude:

**Please stand in body or in spirit*