

**The Kirk United Church**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**To Sing Is to Pray Twice: A Song of Faith**  
**A Gathering Worship Resource Service 2017**

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**WE GATHER AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship from A Song of Faith**

God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description.

**Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship.**

So God creates the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating.

**God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.**

God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

**Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing.**

**Hymn** VU#268 – Bring Many Names (vs.1-3)

**A Song of Faith 2**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, hear our silent prayers as we confess those things that separate us from you and from each other ... *(silence)*

**Words of Assurance** *(sung – VU#318, vs1)*

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**A Song of Faith 3**

**Hymn** VU#296 – This Is God's Wondrous World (vs 1,3)

**A Song of Faith 4**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(sung)* VU#960

**Hymn** VU#357 – Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (vs.1-3)

**A Song of Faith 5**

**Hymn** VU#352 – I Danced in the Morning

**A Song of Faith 6**

**WE RESPOND THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Musical Offering** Ray & Barb Kierstead

**Presentation of the Offering**

**Offertory** VU#541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.*

**Response from A Song of Faith**

**In grateful response to God's abundant love, we bear in mind our integral connection to the earth and one another; we participate in God's work of healing and mending creation.**

**Hymn** VU#716 – My Life Flows On (vs.1,2)

**A Song of Faith 8**

**Hymn** VU#635 – All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

**A Song of Faith 9**

**Choral Commissioning** VU#964 – Go Now in Peace

***VU#635 – All the Way My Saviour Leads Me***

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,  
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.
- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I  
tread,  
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!
- 3 All the way my Saviour leads me; O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,  
wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages, 'Jesus led me all the way!'

***VU#964 – Go Now in Peace***

Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
everywhere , everywhere you may go.

***VU#268 – Bring Many Names***

- 1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!
- 2 Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!
- 3 Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:  
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!

***VU#296 – This Is God's Wondrous World***

- 1 This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

***VU#357 – Tell Me the Stories of Jesus***

- 1 Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
- 2 First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.
- 3 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
And how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

***VU#352 – I Danced in the Morning***

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on. R
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. R

***VU#352 – I Danced in the Morning (continued)***

- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. R
- 5 They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R

***VU#716 – My Life Flows On***

- 1 My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing:  
It finds an echo in my soul – how can I keep from singing?
- 2 What though my joys and comforts die?  
My Saviour still is living.  
What though the shadows gather 'round?  
A new song Christ is giving.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
while to that Rock I'm clinging:  
since Love commands both heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

## **Our Father Who Art In Heaven**

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.