



GATHERING MUSIC

Robert Galbreath, piano

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE: "Where Ere You Walk" (G.F. Handel)

Irvin Campbell, violin; Robert Galbreath, piano

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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Welcome to worship, God's beloved! **YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

God who tells us, hundreds of times in the Bible, "do not be afraid," come remind us once more of this now. Come help us bring our emotions into balance. Be present with us, guide us, and support us as we work through these things. Amen.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

*OPENING HYMN: "Stand By Me". United Methodist Hymnal # 512 vs. 1-3

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *[You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.]*

Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: "Lesser Known Stories of Asian People"

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-5

But now, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, hear the word of YHWH—the One who created you, the One who fashioned you, Israel: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the seas, I will be with you; when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown. Walk through fire, and you will not be singed; walk through flames and you will not be burned. I am YHWH, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer. I give Egypt as ransom for you, Nubia and Seba in exchange for you. You are more precious to me than Assyria; you are honored, and I love you. I will give people in exchange for you, whole nations in exchange for your life. Have no fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east and gather them from the west.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Helen Chukka

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]

There are people who live in fear. There are people who live in despair. There are people who cannot regulate their emotions, and there are people who must detach themselves from their emotions in order to survive. The situations that produce these types of things are all around us—but it is our call to fight them.



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God who, before all else, tells us to love—bless these offerings. Let them perpetuate only the emotions that are good. Let them not be used badly or in service of corruption and oppression, but rather be turned into much more than they are now, that they may further Your love wherever they are needed. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Go My Children" Upper Room Worshipbook # 194 vs. 1, 2 & 4

* BENEDECTION

Beloveds...fear is ok, so long as it does not overwhelm us. We all feel despair—the trick is to not get lost in it. Emotions require balance, and that balance is *hard*. But it is not unattainable, and as you depart this place know that the God of all things is with you in the struggle. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (B. Marcello)

Irvin Campbell, organ; Robert Galbreath, piano

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Welcome Rev. Helen Chukka! Helen Chukka is an ordained minister of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church. She graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology in the Department of Hebrew Bible from the Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, Chennai, India. She served the National Council of Churches in India as the Executive Secretary for the Commission on Youth after which, she pursued a Master of Sacred Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She is currently a PhD candidate at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in the department of Hebrew Bible.

She is a frequent contributor at *Politics of Scripture* and *Sermon Labs*. Her most recent publications include chapters in "Bible Blindspots: Dispersion and Othering" by Wipf and Stock publishers, and "Faith(s) Seeking Justice: Dialogue and Liberation" by World Council of Churches Publications.

Her PhD dissertation focuses on the debate of "mixed" marriages in the books of Ezra 9-10 and Nehemiah 13 and their relevance to the inter-caste marriages in the Indian context.

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability. We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

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