MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, arise! Arise and lift your hearts. Arise and lift your eyes. Arise and lift your voices.

The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together in witness in celebration in hope.

Jesus, the Light of the World meets us here and now, shining on us to bring insight, healing, hope and joy.

We join our voices to praise the living God!

HYMN #314 Christ, Be Our Light

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us in worship this morning. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your gracious will. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE #630 Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Seeking peace in a broken world, but also knowing God's peace through God's presence, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace in suffering, illness, and pain, but also feeling God's peace through healing, prayer, and those who help, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace through our distress, despair, isolation, and fear, but also feeling God's peace through the words of loved ones and the hope we see in the world, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace amidst personal conflicts, and struggling to be the loving person we want to be, but also feeling God's peace through knowing God's patience and forgiveness, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven and loved.

Thanks be to God! PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

SCRIPTURE READINGS Romans 3:28-30 and 5:1-11

MESSAGERev. Laura Terasaki, PresbyteryExecutiveNorthwest Coast Presbytery

HYMN #203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #543 O Christ, Surround Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Here I Am, Lord David Little, piano

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21