



Galatians 5:22-23

Romans 12:9-10

Micah 6:8

John 15:9

Matthew 7:12

1 Thessalonians 5:1

I am
THE Vine
you are
THE Branches
- JOHN 15:5 -

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All Saints Lenten Prayer Vigil 2023

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Agenda

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Worship
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Session 1: Our Relationship with God*
11:30 AM – 12:25 PM	Session 2: Our Relationship with Creation*
12:25 PM – 12:30 PM	Grace and Doxology in the Nave
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch & Table Fellowship Meditation Gordon Mann Hall (Provided by the Daughters of the King)
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Session 3: Our Relationship with Children*
2:15 PM – 3: 15 PM	Session 4: Our Relationship with Neighbors*
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Closing Worship

***45 Minutes of Silent Prayer will follow each meditation. You are invited to walk the church grounds, meditate in the columbarium, walk the stations of the cross in the courtyard, engage in centering prayer, or walk an indoor labyrinth. You may also choose to stay in the church nave and light a candle in remembrance. During the prayer time after sessions 1, 3 and 4, a prayer labyrinth is available in Gordon Mann Hall.**

Tending the Sacred Space of Relationship

10:00 - 10:30 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS, The Reverend Denise Trogon

"In this universe, there is no such thing as an individual apart from his or her relationships. Every interaction—between people and people, between people and things, between things and things—changes the face of history. Reality is not a well-oiled machine that behaves in logical, predetermined ways. Instead, it is an ever-unfolding process that defies precise prediction. In it, order and chaos are not enemies but fraternal twins. Creation depends on both of them. Together they shape life."

- The Luminous Web by Barbara Brown Taylor

Opening Worship

SONG: (Sung by all)

HYMN 646, *As We Gather*

As we gath - er may your Spir - it work with - in us,

as we gath - er may we glo - ri - fy your Name.

Know - ing well that as our hearts be - gin to wor - ship,

we'll be blessed be - cause we came,

we'll be blessed be - cause we came.

Chord symbols: D, F#m7, G, A7sus, A7, G, A, D, A/C#, Bm7, Em7, G/A, D, A/C#, Bm7, D/A, Em7, G/A, D.

OPENING PRAYER, The Reverend Denise Trogdon

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. Help us to listen deeply for your tender voice, so that we may know your will for our lives. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. Amen

Participants are asked to remain in the Nave for Session 1

SESSION 1: TENDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

10:30 – 11:30 AM

SONG: Carol Barker (Soloist)

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

REFRAIN: You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

REFRAIN

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

REFRAIN

SCRIPTURES

John 15:5...I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit.

John 15:9...As the father has loved me, so I have loved you: Abide in my love.

Micah 6:8.....And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

MEDITATION... TENDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, Peggy Brennan

SONG: Carole Galli (Soloist)

The Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be please with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my first born for my transgression,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man: He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
And to love kindness
And to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Pursue and catch us, Good Shepherd-Embrace us in your love.

Help us to trust you and desire you more than anything else, that we may know the joy and freedom of life in you...Amen.

SONG: (Sung by All)

HYMN 662, *Take My Life and Let it Be*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

TIME FOR PRIVATE MEDITATION AND PRAYER

UNTIL 11:30 AM

SESSION 2: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CREATION

11:30 – 12:25 PM

SONG: Carole Galli, Nicole Galli, Laura Kling; Pam Cooper, flute For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all to thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower. Sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all to thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love. Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all to thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, Flowers of earth and birds of heaven.
Lord of all to thee we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1... In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

MEDITATION, Howard Coonley, Martha Fortson, Carole Galli

PRAYER, Led by Martha Fortson (**Read by all**)

Great Spirit,

**give us hearts to understand,
never to take**

**from creation's beauty more than we give,
never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed,
never to deny to give our hands for the building of Earth's beauty,
never to take from her what we cannot use.**

Give us hearts to understand that to destroy earth's

Music is to create confusion,

That to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty,

That to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a

House of stench,

That as we care for her she will care for us. Amen.

UN Environmental Sabbath Program

Song: (Sung by All) Verses 1 - 3
Hymn 40, For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

TIME FOR PRIVATE MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Please return to the Nave by 12:25 for grace and doxology.

Please join us at 12:20 in Gordon Mann Hall for lunch and a table fellowship meditation.

Lunch & Table Fellowship Meditation

12:30 -1:15 PM

Following Lunch, participants are asked to return to the Nave for Session 3.

SESSION 3: RELATIONSHIP TO CHILDREN

1:15 – 2:15 PM

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 5:6-7...Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

Mark 9:36-37...He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Psalms 8:2 “Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.”

SONG: (Sung by All)

Jesus Loves Little Children

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Every color, every race
All are covered by His grace
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Jesus died for all the children
All the children of the world
Every color, every race
All are covered by His grace
Jesus died for all the children of the world

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Every color, every race
All are covered by His grace
Jesus loves the little children of the world

MEDITATION, Nancy Tillinghast

SONG: (Sung by All)
This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Morning, noon and night, I'm gonna let it shine.
Morning, noon and night, I'm gonna let it shine.
Morning, noon and night, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

MEDITATION (continued)

SONG: Suade Anderson (Soloist)
The Greatest Love of All song recorded by Whitney Houston

[Verse 1]

I believe the children are our future
Teach them well and let them lead the way
Show them all the beauty they possess inside
Give them a sense of pride to make it easier
Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be
Everybody's searching for a hero
People need someone to look up to
I never found anyone who fulfilled my needs
A lonely place to be
And so I learned to depend on me
Pre-Chorus]
I decided long ago
Never to walk in anyone's shadows
If I fail, if I succeed
At least I'll live as I believe
No matter what they take from me
They can't take away my dignity

[Chorus]

Because the greatest love of all
Is happening to me
I found the greatest love of all
Inside of me
The greatest love of all
Is easy to achieve
Learning to love yourself ; It is the greatest love of all

[Verse 2]

I believe the children are our future
Teach them well and let them lead the way
Show them all the beauty they possess inside
Give them a sense of pride to make it easier
Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be

[Pre-Chorus]

I decided long ago, never to walk in anyone's shadows
If I fail, if I succeed
At least I'll live as I believe
No matter what they take from me
They can't take away my dignity

[Chorus]

[Outro]

And if, by chance, that special place
That you've been dreaming of
Leads you to a lonely place
Find your strength in love

TIME FOR PRIVATE MEDITATION AND PRAYER

UNTIL 2:15

SESSION 4: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NEIGHBORS

2:15 – 3:15 PM

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I know that in and of myself I cannot love others in the same way that Christ loved me, unless I surrender my life completely into Your hands. I pray that Your Spirit of love may flow through me to others so that I can love them as You have loved me. In Jesus' name, Amen

SCRIPTURES

John 15:12-13 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Luke 10:27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, your neighbor as yourself."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, as indeed you are doing.

MEDITATION: Laura Kling

SONG: (Solo)

For the One, by Paul McClure and Jennifer Louise Johnson

Let me be filled with kindness and compassion for the one,
the one in whom You loved and gave Your Son. For humanity. Increase my love.
Help me to love with open arms like You do.
A love that erases all the lines and sees the truth.
Oh, that when they look in my eyes, they would see You.
Even in just a smile, they would feel the Father's Love.
Oh, how You love us, from the homeless, to the famous, and in between.
You formed us, You made us carefully.
Cause in the end, we're all Your children.
Help me to love with open arms like You do.
A love that erases all the lines and sees the truth.
Oh, that when they look in my eyes, they would see You.
Even in just a smile, they would feel the Father's Love.
So, let all my life, tell of who You are, and the wonder of Your never-ending love.
Oh, let all my life, tell of who You are, that You're wonderful and such a good Father.
You are wonderful, and such a good Father.
So, help me to love with open arms like you do.
A love that erases all the lines and sees the truth.
Oh, that when they look in my eyes, they would see You.
Even in just a smile, they would feel the Father's Love.
Even in just a smile, they would feel the Father's Love.

MEDITATION (continued)

Song: (Sung by All)
Hymn, Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

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I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

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if you lead me, I will hold your people in my

1. 2. heart. 3. heart.

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TIME FOR PRIVATE MEDITATION AND PRAYER

UNTIL 3:15

CLOSING WORSHIP

3:15 – 3:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

CLOSING PRAYER, The Reverend Denise Trogdon

Loving Lord,
it's so hard to love the world sometimes
and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible.
Help us to be inspired by his love and
guided by his example.
Most of all, remind us that we can't do it alone, and to join with others to spread your love.
We need you, dear God, to give us support in this journey.
Show us how to unlock our hearts and give freely. Bless us now as we go out to love and
serve you knowing any darkness we face, may be transformed by you into Easter joy. Amen

CLOSING SONG (Sung by all), HYMN 390, *Praise to the Lord Almighty*

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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