

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Call to Worship

One: We who have been called and selected as leaders in that part of Christ's body which we call the Presbytery of the Miami Valley have gathered here in this virtual space.

All: As we worship you, oh God, move within and among us.

One: Open our ears to hear your joyous laughter and your still small voice.

All: Open our eyes to see the wonderful and surprising possibilities of your Kingdom.

One: Open our minds that we would know the wisdom of Kingdom living.

All: Open our hearts to experience your abundant and overflowing love.

One: Through the power of your Holy Spirit, oh God, continue to instill in us hope and perseverance as we seek to continue the good work of service to your people with energy, imagination, intelligence, and love.

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession: Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another, first in silence.

A Moment for Silent Confession and Reflection

All: Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions,

And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.¹

Assurance of Pardon

¹ "Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Beloved of God, through the love of Christ, God has demolished the record of your sin.

You are forgiven.

I will say it again:

You are forgiven.

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Hold fast to the truth that in Christ, you have been set free, and all of God's people said... **AMEN!**

Scripture Reading:

Acts 4: 5-12

Sermon: "Otherwise possibilities"

The Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort

Communion

The Rev. Carol Pierson

Prayer After Communion

Benediction - MWS Sarah Sparks-Franklin