



## **WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 17, 2021**

### **“WHERE CAN I GO?”**

PLEASE PUT YOUR JOY'S & CONCERN'S IN THE CHAT BOX  
WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Kristen Hayes-Leite

#### **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**                      “Poeme”

**OPENING PRAYER** - Liturgist

Dear and Near God, you never leave our side. Open us this day to feeling and knowing your presence deep in our hearts so that we might show forth love with the same confidence, offering your reign of right relationship on earth as it is in heaven. We praise you for your close attention, holding our lives together in care.    **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**              “Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”  
(youtube)

#### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

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## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**     "God is Holding Your Life"

### **SCRIPTURE READING:** Liturgist

Psalms 139: 1-18

God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too— your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful— I can't take it all in! Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute—you're already there waiting! Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!" It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you. Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you.

The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day. Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful! God, I'll never comprehend them! I couldn't even begin to count them—any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you! And please, God, do away with wickedness for good! And you murderers—out of here!— all the men and women who belittle you, God, infatuated with cheap god-imitations. See how I hate those who hate you, God, see how I loathe all this godless arrogance; I hate it with pure, unadulterated hatred. Your enemies are my enemies!

**THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE GOD  
THANKS BE TO GOD**

**SERMON**                      “We Need Some Spiritual Respiration”  
   Rev. Effie McAvoy

**CLOSING HYMN**            “Precious Lord Take My Hand”  
   (youtube)

**BENEDICTION**