

Service of Midday Prayer for May 6, 2020

Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart Selections from *A Sanctified Art*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Centering in God's Presence

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May this time be good for us in body, mind, and spirit,
for we gather in the presence of God, who made us and loves us and will never leave us.

Amen.

Call to Worship

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of children who know love and churches with open doors.
We dream of rest and sunny days.**

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of peace that goes beyond borders
and equality for all people.**

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of milk and honey, food on tables, and an end to suffering.
We dream of the Church of Jesus Christ serving all God's people.**

One: Family of God, this day we dream together. This day, we worship together. For there is nothing on heaven or on earth strong enough to unravel God's dreams for us. Let us worship Holy God. Amen.

Hymn

Come and Fill Our Hearts

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!*

Scripture Exodus 1:22; 2:1-10 *Moses' Mother Gives Moses Up So He Can Live*

Reflection *When Hope is Unraveled*

Sung Response 44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

*Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.*

*Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,
Lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.*

*Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,
Left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.*

*When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
Tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.*

Prayers of Concern & Lord's Prayer

Response to each petition:

Hear our cry, O God. **Listen to our prayer.**

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together saying...

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Great Sewer—
Who weaves us together in community,
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit—
Who hems us in before and behind,
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.**

**And I believe in Jesus Christ—
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to disregard
anyone as scrap.**

**I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.
I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.**

**I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.**

**And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,
And to invite me into a new journey.
Amen.**

Hymn 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

*Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
A season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.*

*In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation and find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."*