

PRELUDE

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• OPENING HYMN

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TESTIMONY

Peter & Martha Clark

OPENING PRAYER First Church's Open and Affirming Statement

Adopted October 17, 2010 by unanimous congregational vote

We, as a diverse body of believers seeking to live in the light and image of God in Christ, do affirm:

- That every person has worth as a special and unique creation made in God's image;
- That in the spirit of love, openness, and inclusiveness we welcome
 persons of every sexual orientation, race, nationality, ability, age
 and gender to participate fully in all aspects of our Church's life and
 ministry;
- That as agents of reconciliation and wholeness we embrace justice and seek to support all who suffer discrimination or who are disenfranchised from the religious and civic community;
- That in light of the Gospel we will continue to comprehend and appreciate more fully our differences and gifts so that through grace, our love for God and neighbor may flourish.

TESTIMONY Helen Crawford

WE SOUND THE BELL

TESTIMONY

Lisa Willey & Diane Pennessi

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, Sunday, October 17

- Worship, 10:00 am
- Deacon's Meeting, 11:30 am

Tuesday, October 19

- Church Office open 9-noon
- Jeannette's Closet 9-11 am
- Staff Meeting 9:30 am
- Prayer Group 1:30 pm
- Topics on Autism, 6 pm

Wednesday, October 20

Church Office open 9-noon

Next Sunday, October 24

- Usestreamed Worship, 10 am
- Council Meeting, 11:30 am
- runk or Treat, 11:30 -12:30 am
- Teen's to Corn Maze, 12:30 am



WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TESTIMONY Martha Spencer

ANTHEM Draw the Circle Wide First Church
Mark Miller Virtual Senior Choir

TESTIMONY Pastor Lisa M. Burger

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."
-Meister Eckhart

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

Sandy Wissmann

Go now in peace! Go now in peace! May the love of God surround you Everywhere, everywhere you may go!

TESTIMONY Kevin Murphy

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

Holy Words written by the Rev. Asher O'Callaghan

Read by Kim Phillips

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!













MEDITATION

The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow

HYMN

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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, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF LOVE AND PROMISE

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Langham | Shaw Jeremy Hill

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us and shape us as servants of love, and use these gifts to bless our church, community, and world with kindness, justice, joy, and peace. Alleluia! And amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Royal Oak | Shaw

Jeremy Hill

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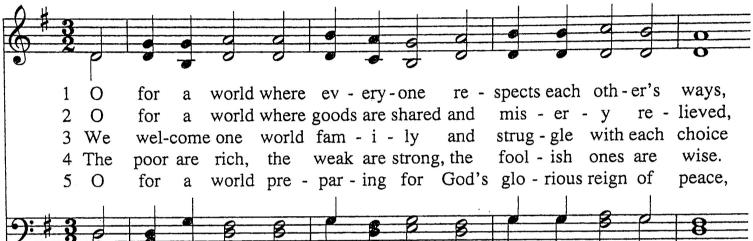
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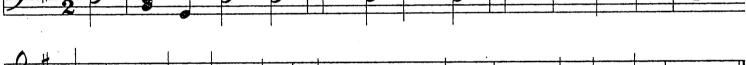
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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12





with Where love is lived all is done and chil-dren spared, e Where truth is spo - ken, u - ni - ty and That o - pens us to all who mourn: out - casts be - long, Tell who

jus - tice and with praise.
qual - i - ty a - chieved.
gives our vi - sion voice.
per - ish - es will rise.
all but love will cease.



be no more, and

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Where time and tears will

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

