

Mt. Lebanon Chapel



September 12th, 2021

Faith @ Five

Mt. Lebanon Chapel welcomes all who would worship here. We urge all who enter to spend a moment of quiet surrounded by the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

A CELTIC EVENING LITURGY
From the Iona Community

Gathering Hymn: All Creatures Of Our God And King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Opening collect: Almighty God, you have called us to keep and tend the garden of your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence for all that share this planet with us and whose lives make possible our own. Help us to remember that they too love the sweetness of life and join with us in giving you praise. **Amen.**

Opening responses:

Leader: Peace on each one who comes in need,
ALL: Peace on each one who comes in joy.

Leader: Peace on each one who offers prayers,
ALL: Peace on each one who offers song.

Leader: Come to us this night, O God,
ALL: Come to us with light.

Leader: Speak to us this night, O God,
ALL: Speak to us your truth.

Leader: Dwell with us this night, O God.
ALL: Dwell with us in love.

Hymn: Come As You Are

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Leader: Thanks be to you, O Christ.

**ALL: For the many gifts you have bestowed on us,
Each day and night, each sea and land
Each weather fair, each calm, each wild.**

Leader: Each night may we remember your mercy
Given so gently and generously.

**ALL: Each thing we have received,
From you it came;
Each thing for which we hope,**

**From your love it will come;
Each thing we enjoy,
It is of your bounty;
Each thing we ask,
Comes of your disposing.**

Leader: O God, from whom each thing this is, freely flows,
**ALL: Grant that no tie over strict, no tie over dear,
May be between ourselves and this world. Amen.**

Psalm 116:1-8

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

The Word of God:

Leader: O God, as these words are read,

ALL: In our hearts my we feel your presence.

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

HOMILY/REFLECTION

Hymn: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Affirmation of Faith:

ALL: **We believe, O God of all gods,
That you are the eternal God of Life,
We believe, O God of all gods,
That you are the eternal God of Love.**

Men: We believe, O God and Maker of all creation,
That you are the creator of the high heavens,
That you are the creator of the deep seas,
That you are the creator of the stable earth.

Women: We believe, O God of all the peoples,
That you created our souls and set their warp,
That you created our bodies and gave them
breath, That you made us in your own image.

ALL: **We give you our worship**
With our whole lives,
We give you our ascent
With our whole power,
We give you our existence
With our whole mind,
We give you our kneeling with our whole desire.

Leader: With the whole church:
ALL: **We affirm that we are made in God's image,**
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: With people everywhere:
ALL: **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,**
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Leader: With all creation:
ALL: **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;**
The unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Prayers of Concern:

(Each petition to be followed with silence, then "Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer:)

Leader: We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray. *(Lord, in Your mercy...)*

Leader: We bring to God someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayers. *(Lord, in Your mercy...)*

Leader: We bring to God a troubled situation in our world tonight. *(Lord, in Your mercy...)*

Leader: We bring to God someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust. *(Lord, in Your mercy...)*

Leader: We bring ourselves to God that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection. (*Lord, in Your mercy...*)

Leader: We are placing our lives Under your guarding this night, O Christ.

**ALL: O Son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings,
May your cross this night be shielding all.**

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 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn: This Is My Father's World

Verse 1

This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings
Music of the spheres

Chorus 1

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

Verse 2

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise

Chorus 2

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me ev'rywhere

Verse 3

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
And though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet

Chorus 3

This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad

Night Prayer:

Lord, it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen.



Closing Hymn: You Are My Vision

Verse 1

You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light

Verse 2

You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me together we're one

Verse 3

You are my battle-shield sword for the fight
You are my dignity You're my delight
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower
Come raise me heavenward O Power of my power

Verse 4

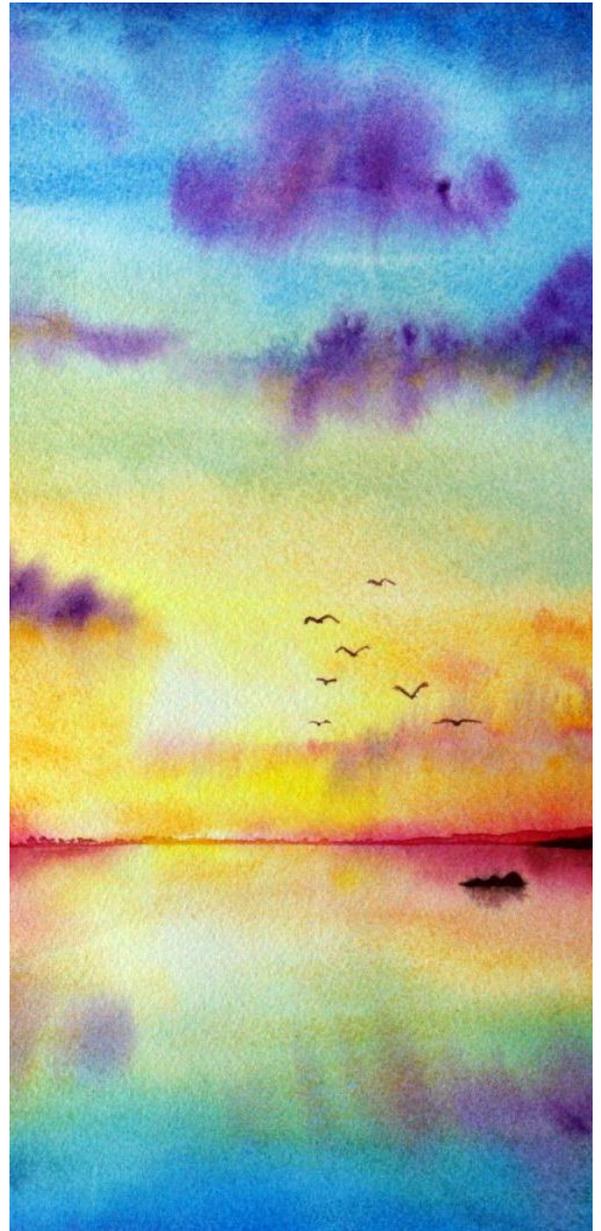
I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance now and always
You and You only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure You are

Verse 5

High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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(An Uncomfortable) Closing Blessing

May the Spirit bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships
so that you will live deep in your heart.

May the Spirit bless you with anger
at injustice and oppression, the exploitation of people and earth
so that you will work for justice, equity and peace.

May the Spirit bless you with tears
to shed for those who suffer
so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them.

May the Spirit bless you with foolishness
to think that you can make a difference in the world
so that you will do the things which others say cannot be done.

Loving Father, help us to change.
To change ourselves and to change our world.
To know the need for it.
To deal with the pain of it.
To feel the joy of it
To undertake the journey without understanding the destination.



With Threads of Love

New voices

new stories

fresh ideas

fresh perspectives

startling songs –

awesome adventures!



Each day is a sea to be surfed,
a mountain to be biked,
a rock to be scaled,
an injustice to be challenged.

Our deepest longing for all young people
is that their life is interwoven with the threads of love,
of joy,
of creativity
and of justice.

And that those who have lived longer
see God in these threads
and listen and learn
and give thanks.

Prayer from Iona Abbey