

McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
10:30 AM March 20, 2022



Vincent van Gogh, *In the Orchard*

PRELUDE HYMN

Here in This Place/Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

**1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.**

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from enfleshed

The Living God delights in the cosmos;

Rejoices when soulful relationships flourish,

Takes pleasure when seasons unfold into more seasons.

The Loving God is concerned with neither trickery nor punishment,

But with the cultivation of wonder and connection,

And with practices of accountability and solidarity.

Let us gather in the presence of a Lavishing God

Who tempts us towards interdependence with Their lovingkindness.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

I invite you to join me in lighting candles of hope for the world.

May our prayers for peace shine through our lives and into the world.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Andante Sostenuto, from Symphonie Gothique Charles-Marie Widor*

All are invited to come forward and light candles representing prayers for peace.

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 63

God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings/You Who Dwell

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings, your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

3 You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

4 For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Spirit of Truth, sometimes we are tempted to treat ourselves, our neighbors, and our environment as less than sacred. We are tempted to relive patterns of domination instead of doing the careful work of compassionate living. We get bogged down with the suffering of the world and caught in the quicksand of complacency. Lift us up out of the pit, that we might be a people empowered to relish the sacred gifts of relationships. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Terri Ott McDowell, Outlook

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace.

We will share the love we have graciously received. Amen.

HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY

**1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peace-maker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.**

**2 Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant; you who are both gift and cost.**

**3 You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.**

A READING FROM SCRIPTURES

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, Ludovico Mazzolino

REFLECTION

Rev. Heidi M. Weatherford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Terri Ott McDowell, Outlook

Eternal God, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name.

Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayers on behalf of your world, your people, and all those entrusted to our care.

Hear the cries, Holy God, of our planet struggling to survive.



Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that the environment might be protected, and natural resources renewed. May all your people have their rightful share of food, medical care, shelter. May all your creatures and all creation know our care and respect.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew our nation, Sovereign God, in the ways of justice and peace.

Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based on trust and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from crime and violence; guard our youth from the perils of selfish individualism and material hoarding. Motivate all citizens to end our debilitating division, promote productive and respectful debate, and work towards the good of all your people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen this congregation, Spirit of God, in its work and worship.

Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may sing your praise, and our lives conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain those among us, Living God, who need your healing.

Make the sick whole. Give hope to the dying. Comfort those who mourn. Uphold all who suffer in body or mind. In this global moment ravaged by war, bless those who work for peace, heal those traumatized by violence, secure those whose lives and livelihoods are in jeopardy.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about.

And hear us now as we pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Maori, from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Heart Is Filled With Longing

Johannes Brahms

Assisting in Today's Service

Pastor	Heidi Weatherford
Associate Pastor	Keith Harris
Director of Christian Education	Sara McHenry
Director of Music	Yohei Endo
Worship Tech	Lara Hebert and Michael Proulx
Musicians	The McKinley Choir and The McKinley Instrumental Ensemble

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Tina Hartung, Unsplash

Online Lenten Experience This Lenten season, Rev. Connie Bandy, Sue Osborn, and Barbara England invite you to join us in looking for and nurturing the positive in our midst, choosing to focus on what inspires and lifts us rather than only on what challenges and dismays us. We do not seek to deny the collective trauma we are living through, but to leaven it so that we might bear the Light of God's love in Christ to a world that desperately needs it.

We will reflect on some of our brothers and sisters in faith whose stories from scripture can show us the way to move through difficulties into a new future filled with promise. Please contact Barbara England at englandba@comcast.net to join our email list for weekly reminders or visit us weekly at the Spirit on the Prairie blogspot. <https://spiritontheprairie.blogspot.com/>

Coming this Week:

Sunday, March 20	2:00PM	Session
Monday, March 21	11:30AM	Staff Meeting
	5:45PM	Compassion Peace and Justice
Tuesday, March 22	1:00-3:00PM	Garden Hills Food Pantry – packaging
	3:30-6:00PM	Garden Hills Food Pantry – distribution
	5:45-7:15PM	Garden Hill Food Pantry – clean up
Wednesday, March 23	5:15PM	Live Prayer and Prose
	5:15PM	Come and See Bible Study
	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 25	5-7PM	Student Community Dinner
Saturday, March 26		
Sunday, March 27	10:30AM	Worship

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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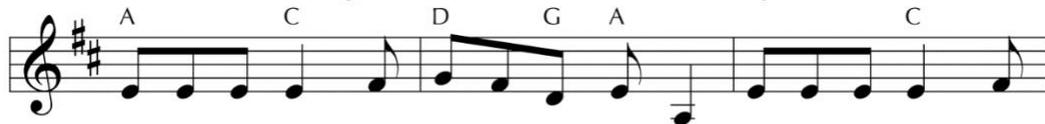
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (F) B^b (C) F (Em) Am (Am) Dm (A7) D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.
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PICARDY
 8.7.8.7.8.7
 (alternate harmonization, 347)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) at Work in Ukraine and Europe

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with partner organizations and churches in Ukraine and Europe. If you would like to contribute to these efforts, you can make a contribution through McKinley by sending a check or use Tithe.ly. Please mark it for Ukraine. You may also visit the PDA website. <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF COUNTRY / FIRST
PEOPLES**

*(An act towards
reconciliation)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations, past, present, emerging.

We are grateful for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. These lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.

Sponsor an Act of Kindness for Lent

Is there someone you would like to remember with a small act of kindness during this season of Lent? The McKinley Youth would like to help you do this!

As a fundraiser, we are offering to surprise people with an act of your choosing. Your donation will support our future travel plans. Please ask for an Act of Kindness form or visit this page:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHZuhMb3x5sFI6T-mIj11HOTMn111Qoqfn fFeP6BxaFfc A/viewform>

to complete the form to let us know who to surprise and what “act” you wish to have delivered. Forms are also available at worship each week this month.

Please keep recipients local unless it is a card that can be mailed. You may make your donation by mailing a check to McKinley, bringing it to church, or by donating online at tithe.ly. If you donate through tithe.ly please select the category called Youth-RAOK 2022. We hope to complete all these surprises by the end of April. Thanks again for supporting our youth.

(Acts to list on order form)

A Plate of Homemade Goodies

An Hour of Yard Work

A Decorated “Thinking of You” Card

A Chalk Drawing on their Sidewalk

A Song Shared by Phone or in Person

Other (Your choice)

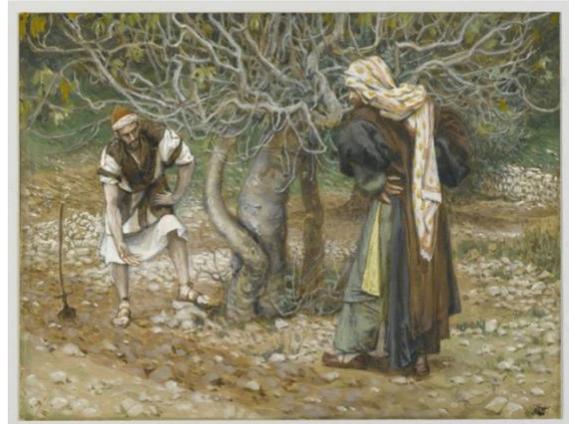
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Offering genuine welcome,
Working for reconciliation, and
Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.**

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Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree, James Tissot