**Worship Service – June 13, 2021**

**Welcome**

Good morning and welcome to this time of worship.

My hope and prayer is that these moments shared together online would be an encouragement to you amidst the ongoing challenges of life. All of us miss the opportunity to gather together in our sanctuary to worship God together. So, let’s continue to hold up each other in prayer and remember that no matter where we are, whether in the church building or in our homes, we are the Body of Christ, joined together by his Spirit.

**Opening Prayer** – Sandi Porter

**Call to Worship**

Our souls find rest in God  
He is our rock and our salvation,

He is our refuge,

We will not be shaken.  
In this time of worship,  
we pour out our hearts to God  
because we trust in his steadfast love.

(Psalm 62)

**Hymn of Praise:** You are the Mighty King – Mary Serdaridis

You Are The Mighty King, The Living Word,  
Master Of Everything, You Are The Lord.  
And I Praise Your Name, And I Praise Your Name,

You Are Almighty God, Savior And Lord,  
Wonderful Counselor You Are The Lord  
And I Praise Your Name, And I Praise Your Name,

You Are The Prince Of Peace, Emmanuel Everlasting Father,  
You Are The Lord,  
And I Love Your Name, And I Love Your Name,

You Are The Mighty King, The Living Word,  
Master Of Everything, You Are The Lord. [

**Prayer of Confession**

Living, loving God,

as we watch growth in our gardens and in the children around us,

we confess we often resist growth and change as we grow older.

We form ideas and opinions about many things—and cling to them.

We think we already know what you desire from us

and fear new insights and new directions.

Forgive us for thinking we already know it all.

Forgive us for blocking out the concerns and commitments

of those who differ with us.

Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to signs of new life.

Grant us faith like the mustard seed,

so small and insignificant on its own,

yet able to grow with your blessing to become a mighty sign

of your lively kingdom among us. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Believe the good news! In Christ, God has offered us forgiveness for all our sins and shortcomings. Trust that this forgiveness is for you, and know that God’s steadfast love and grace endure forever.

**Song of Reflection:** Cleanse Me – Mary Serdaridis

1 Search me, O God, and know my heart today;  
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.  
See if there be some wicked way in me;  
Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

2 I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;  
Fulfill thy Word, and make me pure within.  
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;  
Grant my desire to magnify thy name.

3 Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine;  
Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.  
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;  
I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.

**Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

Holy God, Lord of heaven and earth,

in you we live and move and have our being.

Your energy fills the cosmos and enlivens every cell of our bodies.

You are around us, within us and beyond us.

Thank you for the simple pleasures of each day,

and for the strength to meet the challenges that arise.

When it feels like we have come to the end of our own resources,

replenish us with the energy of your Spirit

so that we know you are there for us and with us.

In these strange times of isolation and distancing,

we are grateful for prayer in its many forms,

for the intimate ways we can find communion with you:

in word and in silence, in music and movement,

in the Spirit’s breath within us.

Draw close to us when we are feeling frustration or fear in the days ahead,

and renew our spirits to continue serving you as best we can.

Hear us now as we pray for the earth,

this precious and fragile home to all living things:

For declining species of plant and animal life

*(Hold a silence)*

For the earth’s climate

*(Hold a silence)*

For the oceans and the rainforests.

*(Hold a silence)*

Teach us how to be more faithful stewards of your earth

and live more respectfully in your creation.

Hear us as we pray for the economy:

For those whose decisions shape it

*(Hold a silence)*

For employers and business owners

*(Hold a silence)*

For workers and those who cannot find work

*(Hold a silence)*

For those who have lost their jobs and those whose businesses are at risk

*(Hold a silence)*

For all who seek economic justice, fairness and the common good,

And for those who struggle to discern what this means in a complex world.

*(Hold a silence)*

Teach us how to care for our neighbours in these days of economic uncertainty.

We pray for our own circle of family and friends.

Heal, bless, lead and encourage them.

Grant to each one the particular gifts needed this day

and lead them to a healthy, productive future.

*(Hold a silence)*

We pray for neighbours and strangers in our community

who face struggles and sorrows as the pandemic stretches on.

*(Hold a silence)*

Remind us that we belong to each other and to you

and help us respond to one another with compassion and kindness.

Finally, in silence, we bring to you the cares and hopes on our minds today.

*(Hold a silence)*

Thank you for hearing the prayers of every heart.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 8 – Anya Knight

**Sermon:** “Wow, God!”

**Prayer after the Sermon**

God, whose fingers sculpt sun and moon  
and curl the baby's ear;  
Spirit, brooding over chaos  
before the naming of day;  
Savior, sending us to earth's ends  
with water and words:  
startle us with the grace, love, and communion  
of your unity in diversity,  
that we may live to the praise of your majestic name. Amen.

**Hymn of Commitment:** The Greatest Thing – Mary Serdaridis

The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Knowing You;  
The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Knowing You.  
I Want To Know You More, I Want To Know You More.  
The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Knowing You.

The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Loving You;

The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Loving You.  
I Want To Love You More, I Want To Love You More.  
The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Loving You.

The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Serving You;  
The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Serving You.  
I Want To Serve You More, I Want To Serve You More.  
The Greatest Thing In All My Life Is Serving You.

**Benediction**

May the Lord bless and protect you;

May the Lord’s face radiate with joy because of you;

May he be gracious to you, show you his favour, and give you his peace.”

(Numbers 6:24-26)