

# #ResistHarm

A UNITED METHODIST MOVEMENT OF FAITHFUL  
RESISTANCE TO THE ANTI-LGBTQ TRADITIONAL PLAN

January 5, 2020

Worship Service in Celebration of Our Diversity  
and Resistance to Harm

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Tippi McCullough

OPENING VOLUNTARY

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Vernon Stokay

One: God has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

**All: And what does the Lord require of you**

One: But to do justice and love kindness!

**All: And walk humbly with your God!**

One: Jesus says: Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me.

**All: The Spirit says, "Come." Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come," for all are welcome here.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** All Who Love and Serve Our City

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**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** Lydia Sullinger

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Lydia Sullinger

I Believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family. There are no exceptions to God's love I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, and sacred; therefore to condemn any portion of God's love is to condemn a portion of God. This is a sin. I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples - people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all. I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died. I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, and the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name. Glory is to God, the One in Three; Creator, Savior, and Holy Power of love. Amen.

**ANTHEM** I Choose Love Mark Miller

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Harold Hughes

**THE LORDS PRAYER** Bee Kelley

**SCRIPTURE READING** Micah 6:8 CJ Fowler

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 13:8-10 Denise Donnell

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN**

**For Everyone Born** Shirley Erena Murray

**SERMON** Bonnie Allen

## **OFFERTORY Gaye Richardson**

Draw the Circle Wide Mark Miller

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Throughout the fullness of time, you have placed your image into everything you have created, including each one of us---and called it good.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

On the night of betrayal, behind closed doors, Jesus took bread, the common food of people everywhere, and he gave thanks to you, God the bountiful Creator.

He tore the bread, knowing the brokenness in the world and feeling the pain to come, and he gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body given for new life, new hope, open doors."

Jesus took the cup, lifted it up, thankful for the gift of sun and rain which gives us food and drink. He gave it to all at the table and said, "Drink from this all of you, for you are all welcome at the table. My life is poured out for you, so you may be whole, forgiven and empowered to live in my new reign on earth."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, ----in the face of all that continues to fracture us, make us one until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Come with open hands and open hearts. Whether you believe a little or a lot.

Come to the table.

Whether you have been shunned or applauded. Come to the table.

You are welcome. Come to the feast.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**We are Called From the Faith We Sing**     Davis Haas

**\*BENEDICTION Kathy Webb**

God of Presence and Promise, pour out your spirit upon this community as we recommit ourselves to work of compassion and justice-love in the world. Accompany us in our continuing struggles follow in the way of Jesus' life-risking love and bless us each day with enough hope to dream, enough courage to speak the truth, enough compassion to touch, enough passion to insist on justice, and enough strength to stand for integrity. Amen

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**Let There Be Peace on Earth or This is My Song or Kyle's Choice**

**POSTLUDE**

**Kyle or Jim choice**

***Please join us at a reception in the Gymnasium immediately following the service.***

***Thank you to all who participated in today's service, sewed the stoles, sang in the choir, served on the reception committee, and attended. We hope you will continue to #ResistHarm in our denomination and the world.***

**Readers**

Tippi McCullough  
Vernon Stokay  
Lydia Sullinger  
Harold Hughes  
Bee Kelley  
CJ Fowler  
Rev. Denise Donnell  
Gaye Richardson  
Kathy Webb

Cynthia Johnson  
Keith Gober  
Darrin Clanton  
Baxter Sharp  
Drexel Jordan  
Marie Sandusky  
Elizabeth Black  
Vicki Tanner  
Dee Rude  
Ruth Eyres

**Ushers/Communion**

Capi Peck  
Barbara Mariani  
Sarah Strickland  
Martha Eschleman

**Music**

Thank you to participants from  
across central Arkansas.  
Music Director Kyle Linson  
Organist Jim Maase