

## CENTERING MUSIC

Larry Redhouse

## WORDS OF GATHERING

*Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, Southwest Conference Minister, United Church of Christ*

As we select fruit and vegetables for dinner, meet a friend for lunch, purchase flowers for our aunt's birthday, buy a house, or pick up a prescription for our child, we live out our spiritual journey. It is in the everydayness of our lives - in striving to be an informed citizen or a mentoring friend, in living out our passion to help others and in seeking to learn - that we know more of the Holy One. And more of that Light is witnessed through us.

Sacred cannot be divided into Sunday or Friday/Saturday and the rest of the week. It cannot be divided strictly by space – sanctuary or shopping center. God is, was and will be in this place. God was and is with us as we grieve. And God is with us today to help us reclaim this space for the good of all.

We gather today to ask the gracious winds of the Spirit to blow in this place anew. We gather to remember servant hearts and acts of courage and tenderness. May each of us who have been shaken to the core carry with us the deep reminder of how precious and fragile life is. In the midst of these dark days, may we reaffirm our faith in a God of love who knows our grief and comforts our shattered hearts.

Let us join our hearts, minds and voices to praise God for the beauty that surrounds and sustains us.

## SONG

### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies

*God of All, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light

*God of All, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.*

3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild

*God of All, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise*

7. For the strength to live our call, in the face of threat and death  
For the courage to risk all, putting others before self

*God of All, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise*

Verse 7

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## **PRAYER**

*Bishop Kirk Smith, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona*

God our Father, our strength in adversity, our health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to your people. Look kindly on us in our suffering. Ease our burden and make our faith strong that we may always have confidence and trust in your fatherly care. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

## **PSALM**

Psalm 107: 1-9

*Rabbi Stephanie Aaron*

**Give thanks to the LORD who is good,  
whose love endures forever!"**

Let that be the prayer of the LORD'S redeemed,  
those redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Those gathered from foreign lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.

Some had lost their way in a barren desert;  
found no path toward a city to live in.

They were hungry and thirsty;

their life was ebbing away.

In their distress they cried to the LORD,  
who rescued them in their peril,

Guided them by a direct path  
so they reached a city to live in.

Let them thank the LORD for such kindness,  
such wondrous deeds for mere mortals.

For he satisfied the thirsty,  
filled the hungry with good things.

## **A WORD ABOUT THE PRAYER FLAGS**

*Rev. Cynthia Langston Kirk*

### **PRAYER**

*Rev. Jan Olan Flaaten, Executive Director of the Arizona Ecumenical Council*

Merciful God, we lay our brothers and sisters who died and those who are wounded before you. We lay those who are isolated by grief and overwhelmed by thoughtless inquiries before you.

Today we lay La Toscana Center, especially Safeway – the land, the buildings, the people – before you. Pour out your healing on people and place.

Grace-filled One, we are hungry for each person to think and live reverently. We are thirsty for compassion. Fill us with reverence. Fill us with compassion.

Help us understand the plight of mental illness in a deeper way and commit our time and resources toward systemic help for those who suffer and their families.

Holy Healer, in moments when we despair, remind us of your unwavering faithfulness. Remind us that you are our rock and refuge.

Receive our rawness and our frantic searching to make sense of the senseless.  
Take our outrage, our pain, our wordless grief and heal us individually and as a community.

Loving Breath of the Spirit, help us remember the passion for people and the generosity exuded in the lives of the people who were injured or killed on January 8<sup>th</sup>. May their lives continue to inspire our words and actions.

Consecrate our tears, our tokens and our expressions of service. Guide us to be beacons of hope from the corner of Ina and Oracle to the four corners of the world. Amen.

### **SONG**

*Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)*

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

### **A TIME OF REFLECTION**

**Bishop Kicanas and Bishop Carcaño**

### **A TIME OF SILENCE**

### **BLESSING OVER THE WATER**

*Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson*

God our Father of mercy and love, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away all that is harmful and brings new life to all that it serves. Bless + this water. Give us and give this place of profound grief your cleansing and healing protection now and forever. Amen.

### **SPRINKLING THE SPACE WITH THE BLESSED WATER**

*(All Judicatory Leaders)*

### **LITURGY OF RECLAMATION AND BLESSING**

*Rev. Sue Westfall, Presbytery Pastor/Stated Clerk, Presbytery de Cristo, Synod of the Southwest Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*Rev. Dr. Dennis Williams, Regional Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona*

May the healing waters cleanse and reclaim;  
May they renew and bring hope  
From the North and the South, from the East and the West,

From all places in this center to every corner of our city  
*Pour out your mercy*

For every store owner and employee	<i>Pour out your mercy</i>
For each neighbor and every visitor	<i>Pour out your mercy</i>
For those who bring food and merchandise to this center	<i>Pour out your mercy</i>
For those who cleaned this space	<i>Pour out your mercy</i>
For those who are consumed by grief or fear	<i>Pour out your mercy</i>
For those around the world who continue to pray for us	<i>Pour out your mercy</i>
For those who seek to live reverently and compassionately, knowing we are all connected	<i>Pour out your mercy</i>

**SONG**  
*River*

*Peace is Flowing Like a*

1. Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me  
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.
2. Hope is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me  
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.
3. Love is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me  
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

**BENEDICTION**

*Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, Desert Southwest Conference, The United Methodist Church*

May the gracious winds of the Spirit blow in this place anew. May peace, hope and love flow from person to person to person. And may the world continue to be transformed by acts of kindness and courage.

**SONG**  
*River*

*Peace is Flowing Like a*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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**LITURGY**

Liturgy, Verse 7 of "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
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