

NORTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Streams of mercy...Perhaps Jesus is saying, unless you know the difficult paths these feet have walked, unless you see the blisters formed from friction or the callouses hardened to keep out pain, you cannot know me or what this mission of God's love is all about.

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Moore, Parish Associate

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Dear God, My heart is a mess.

All: There's just more suffering and loss and fear in the world than it can hold right now. Help me not let in so much news that I close the door of my heart, because my family and friends need it to stay open.

One: Sometimes my heart doesn't really trust love.

All: When my heart is delightfully full, help the anxious thoughts and feelings that threaten to empty it again, come more slowly (or preferably not at all).

One: Sometimes this ole self does unhelpful things for self-protection.

All: When my heart is broken, help it not also attack what is actually harmless.

One: Sometimes, sometimes I'm surprised by my heart.

All: It can be more deeply in love than I ever knew possible.

One: It can be gladdened by simple things I used to ignore.

It can hurt for people I don't even like very much.

All: It can heal from things I used to think would destroy it.

One: It can long for you, God. But in ways that look less like piety and more like friendship. It's confusing, having a human heart.

All: So help me remember that while my heart may break, expand, hurt, heal, close, open and overflow -

One: None of it can get to the part of me which bears your image; the part of me that contains the divine, inextinguishable spark. And for that I am thankful. Because, as stated earlier, my heart is a mess.

HYMN Take, O Take Me as I Am (sing 3 times)

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (together)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (together)

Servant God,

We give you thanks that we can bring our messy lives to this table where you feed our physical bodies and nurture our souls. May the broken bread of life fracture our human hearts. In humility and hope, may the grace we have received be the grace we share by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13, selected verses

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY *Streams of Mercy: For the fullness of life*

RITUAL OF HANDWASHING

PRAYER AFTER HANDWASHING

Jesus, thank you for meeting us in our humanity. May the cleansing of our dirty feet direct our paths. Remind us that what we do for others, we also are doing for you. Through your forgiveness free us to serve in the unity of the Holy Spirit for your world without end. Amen

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
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