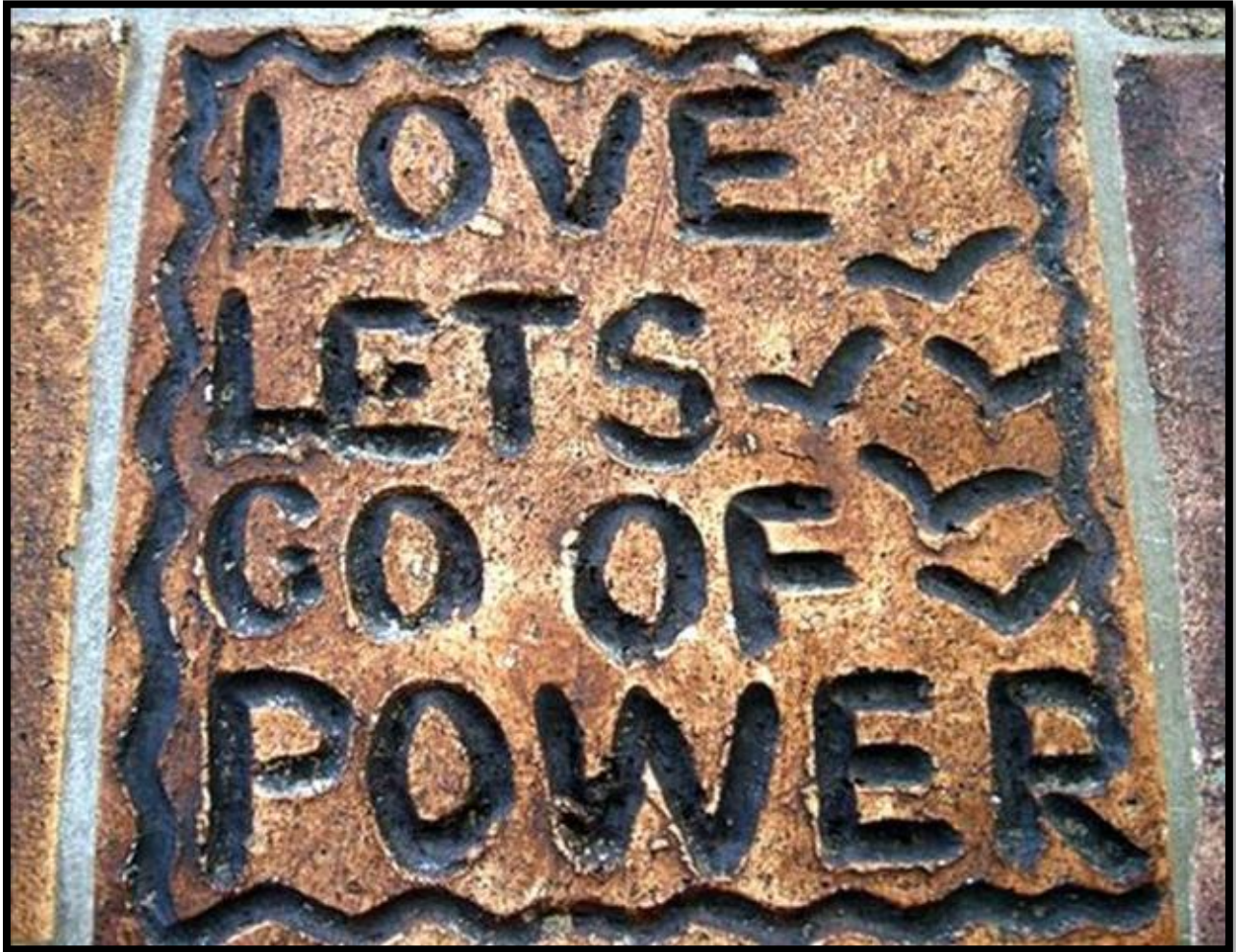




PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All



Tile from the Peace Wall in Hamilton, New Zealand

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022 ~ ZOOM Worship 10 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Prayer from Finlandia"

by Jean Sibelius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71)

One: God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

All: From our first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.

One: So come, lift your voices in praise to God. Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love. Proclaim God's glory to all!

All: Let's worship God together!

*HYMN #691 (vs 1,3,4)

"Lord When I Came Into this Life"

Charles H. Webb

Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim.

In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

**Loving God, we thank you for calling us to you,
from all corners of the world, to come home to belong.**

We appreciate your love that embraces all of us.

We thank you that we are all one in you.

We thank you for your faithfulness and justice.

**We thank you for calling us to your ministry,
to live and do your work with the mind of Christ.**

Remind us that we are here to fulfill your calling to serve.

Help all we do be done for love. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: Your love, O God, is beyond all we know, yet we trust that you are here with us, and that you care for every detail of our lives.

All: **We offer you our hearts filled with gratitude. Alleluia! Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kim Seamans

OFFERTORY

"You Can't Beat God's Giving"

arr. by Billy Preston
Carol Menke, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Your Word is Like A Lamp"

Carolyn W. Gillette

(to the tune of Hymn #722, "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak")

Your word is like a lamp, O Lord, and like a light to guide our way,
For in this ever-changing world, it bears your promise every day.
God, open wide each heart and mind, by your own Spirit, now we pray,
That in your scriptures we may find, new strength to serve you every day.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presiding Elder/Clerk of Session introduces new officers to be ordained and installed:

Deacons: *Ellen Bowen, Kristina Teixeira, and Suzanne Hanson.*

Elders: *Barbara Basham, Linda Lance, Bill Nakata, and Ellen Marks.* Elder *Chris Rhodes* is to be installed as an active elder after having been ordained as an Elder in the past.

The Deacons continuing to serve are: *Karleen Duchscherer, Robert Cortez, Ed and Marilee Marcoux, Karen Nakata, Rich Osborne, and Chris Peña.* And the Deacons are blessed with the assistance of our Parish Associate, *Lynne Vandercook* and *Barbara Basham.*

The Elders continuing to serve are: *Linda Burille, Gary Smith, Norm Smith, Kim Seamans, and Joy Olsen.*

QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

(A prayer with laying on of hands virtually.)

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION:

One: Gracious God, with joy we give you all thanks and praise. Throughout the ages you have been faithful to your covenant people. In every time and place you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to Jesus Christ who came not to be served but to serve, to give his life to set others free. In the church, deacons, elders, and pastors serve together so that your whole people might be equipped for ministry. For your servants in every age, O God, and for the church we give you thanks and praise.

All: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon these, your deacons and elders. Give them openness to the Holy Spirit's leading that they may see and serve wherever there is need. Give them wisdom and courage and nourish them in the life of the spirit that they may exercise their ministry with humility and compassion. Give them joy in their walk of faith and a sure sense of your abiding presence. Make us all strong in Christ to live as our people and show forth your saving love in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 71: 1-6

Kim Seamans, Liturgist

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Down in the River to Pray"

arr. by Marc Hafso

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1st Corinthians 13: 1-13

The Gift of Love

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries

and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Sincere Love For Others

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" African-American Spiritual

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Gracious Lord, we dream of a world free of poverty and oppression, and we yearn for a world free of greed and violence. Help us be instruments of your peace and promoters of your love.

All: When our hearts ache for the victims of war and oppression, help us to remember that you healed people simply by touching them..., and give us faith in

our ability to comfort and heal bodies and minds and spirits that have been broken by violence.

One: When the injustice of this world seems too much for us to handle, help us to remember that you fed five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish..., and give us hope that what we have to offer will turn out to be enough, too.

All: When fear of the power and opinions of others tempts us not to speak up for the least among us, help us to remember that you dared to turn over the tables of money changers..., and give us the courage to risk following you.

One: When we feel ourselves fill with anger at those who are violent and oppressive, help us remember that you prayed for those who killed you..., and give us compassion for our enemies, too.

All: When we tell ourselves that we have given all we can to bring peace to this world, help us to remember your unconditional love... , and give us the strength to give a little more of ourselves in serving you, our neighbor, and the lonely strangers.

One: Walk with us, Lord, as we answer your call to be peacemakers. Increase our compassion, our generosity, and our hospitality for the least of your children. Give us the courage, the patience, self-love, love for others and the gentleness of spirit that are sorely needed in a world filled with turmoil today. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

*HYMN #693

"Though I May Speak (Gift of Love)"

Hal Hopson, 1972

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,

the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Shalom"

Ancient Hebrew Benediction

***PLEASE REMAIN ON THE ZOOM MEETING FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING DIRECTLY AFTER WORSHIP.**

PASTOR: Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway
LITURGIST: Kim Seamans
MUSIC: Carol Menke, Althea Wright
TECHNOLOGY: Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff

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PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

A memorial for Tony Burille will take place on March 5, at 2 pm.

A memorial for Rev. Frank Hamilton will be held on Sat., Feb. 19, at 2 pm.

A memorial for Lucy Poindexter will be held on Sat., March 19, at 2 pm.

Those mourning the death of their loved ones

* The family of Margery Baur as they mourn her recent passing.

* The family of Rev. Frank Hamilton, as they mourn his recent passing.

* The family of Lorraine Nichols, as they mourn her passing on Dec.21, 2021.

* The family of Shirley Weber, as they mourn her passing on Dec. 3, 2021.

* The family of Janice Holmes as they mourn her passing on Oct. 23, 2021.

* The family of Tony Burille as they mourn his passing on Oct. 28, 2021.

Those with health issues

Bill Beaumont

Dolores Borchers

Patrick Butler

Peggy Call

Doreen Cowden

Pat Currier

Eldon Davis

Dick Draper

Sam Gomes

Michele Hare

Phil Henry

Maryann Iodence

Carolyn Kenworthy

Margret Kram

Vivian Mazeski

Gail Meister

Jessica Morse

Spencer Nguyen

Nancy Pinney

Lynette Randerson

Rosa Rosillo

Pamela Sage

Bob Simmons

Susan Smith

Sharon Sorani

Susie Vela

Bob Weber

Jill White

Roger White

Helen Wikle

Betty Witchey-Ryer

Chris Yen's mom

Avery Yudice

Those serving in our military

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.