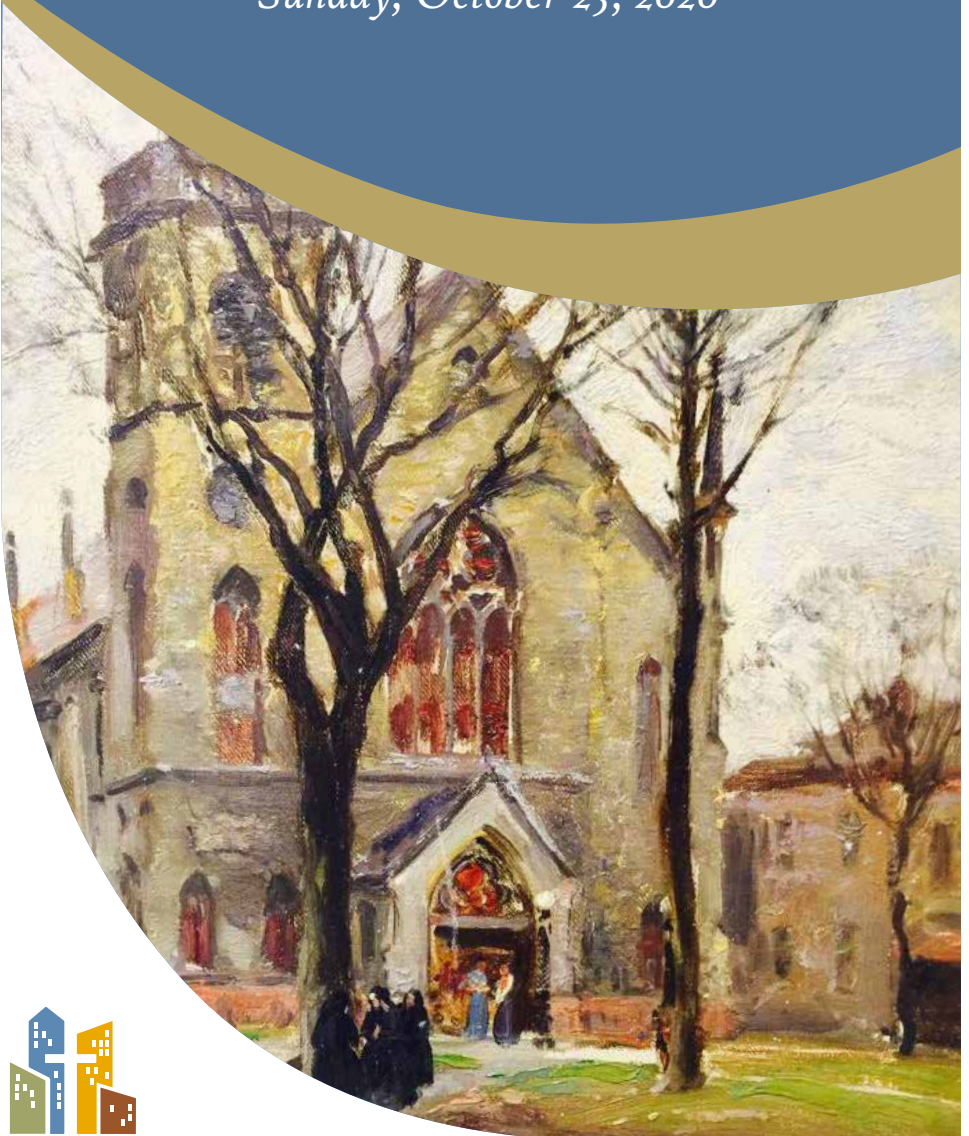


A Personal Worship Experience from First (Park) Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 25, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER 25, 2020
PERSONAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE @ PARK CHURCH

GATHERING

Gathering Music and Centering Prayer

Phyllis Ann Miner, piano

Jesus Loves Even Me

Phillip T. Bliss / Arr. Mark Hayes

*How we underestimate your compassion, Jesus;
we are too easily convinced that you frown more than you smile,
that our weakness and ignorance,
our mistakes and sins,
guarantee nothing but judgement from you.*

*Yet, time and again you show us that this picture is unworthy of you;
after all, you said it – you didn't come to judge but to save!*

*And so, we thank you and celebrate you:
Your compassion is limitless, and your love is unfailing;
Your welcome is gracious and extravagant and all-inclusive;
Your embrace is healing and transforming;
And your commitment to us is costly and eternal.*

*Perhaps we will never really understand how you can be so totally for us,
but perhaps, as we learn to trust,
and to lean into your love,
we will find the peace and wholeness that you desire for us.*

*And so we come, we worship, and we open ourselves to
your surprising compassion again.*

Amen.

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

Prelude

Phyllis Ann Miner, organ

Morning Has Broken

Tune: BUNESSAN

Arr. Lani Smith

Introit

The Chancel Choir
Adoramus Te, Christe
Théodore Dubois

*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
For on the holy cross Thou hast the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.*

Opening Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE
(recorded March 13, 2016)

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

PROCLAMATION

Duet

Chris Krive, oboe
Phyllis Ann Miner, piano
Sonata for Oboe and Piano (FP185, 1962)
Francis Poulenc

The Old Testament Reading

Terry Barton, Liturgist
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Prayers of the People and
Our Savior's Prayer

Dr. Bruce Roller

The New Testament Reading

Terry Barton, Liturgist
I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon

Dr. Bruce Roller

"Determined to Share Ourselves with You"

Response

Phyllis Ann Miner, organ
Interlude on CANONBURY
Joseph M. Martin

Anthem

The Choral Scholars

Sweet Peace

Richard J. Hyman

(recorded February 26, 2017)

*Sweet peace, shower mother earth;
Show us how to live as brothers and sisters.
Sweet peace, flow into our lives;
Fill our hearts with human kindness,
And feed the hungry children,
Hold the weak and hopeless;
Heal the world with love one day, one bright day.
Sweet peace, hear this honest plea,
Echoed in the hearts of millions,
That love will ever guide us;
Fear will not deny us
'Til we find our peace one day, one bright day.
Sweet peace, everlasting peace,
Help us find the life we dream of and hope for;
To care more and be more;
Sweet peace, shower mother earth. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

Our Common Commission

Let us now go forth into the world in peace; being of good courage; holding fast to that which is good; rendering to no one evil for evil; strengthening the faint hearted; supporting the weak; helping the afflicted; honoring all people; loving and serving the Lord and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

Phyllis Ann Miner, organ

Festive Trumpet

Brian Glyncannon



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle, worship leader and minister of music

Dr. Bruce Roller, guest minister

Terry Barton, liturgist

Phyllis Ann Miner, organ and piano

Chris Krive, oboe

The Park Church Chancel Choir

The Choral Scholars

An Open and Affirming Congregation

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

As Jesus demonstrated by his life and teachings, we fully value and welcome all people into the life of Park Church, regardless of beliefs or doubts, age, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical, mental, or emotional ability, or economic status. In fact, we value and celebrate the rich diversity of all God's creation.

Our Vision

To build a community of relentless compassion
and courageous hope where all are seen and known, and
the God of extravagant love is revealed.

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