

A Fresh Word

Welcoming New Members

Pastor Sarah

Congregation: We recognize the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth as a real and important force in the universe. Will you join us in this faith?

New Member: I now join with you to trust and celebrate God's love.

Congregation: We are committed to a daily endeavor to let God's spirit re-mold our lives from within. Will you join us in this endeavor?

New Member: I commit to grow with you.

Congregation: We believe ourselves to be one family, bound together by God's love. Therefore, we seek in every way we can to make that love believable for each other. Will you join us in this mutual ministry?

New Member: I will. I entrust to you both my needs and my gifts. **Congregation:** Will you now unite with us in our covenant?

ALL: We join together with God and with each other to provide an environment open for all to worship God, to develop Christian values, to share life's experiences, to strive for truth, justice and peace, and to respond with compassion to the needs of others. We do this in the love of Jesus and in our desire to do the will of God.

Prayers of the Church

Chaplain Richard Davenport

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer...

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable), which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

In the Secret

Dr. Chris Peterson

Chalice Praise Hymn 70

Words & Music by Andy Park

Verse 1:

In the secret, in the quiet place,
in the stillness you are there.

In the secret, in the quiet hour

I wait only for you, cause I want to know you more.

Verse 2:

I am reaching for the highest goal that I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside,
out of my way, cause I want to know you more.

Chorus:

I want to know you. I want to hear your voice.
I want to know you more. I want to touch you.
I want to see your face. I want to know you more.

Offertory

Lester Ricks

Offertory Music

Yuyoung Jeong

Prayer of Dedication

Lester Ricks

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

Lester Ricks

“Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.”

Sermon

Pastor Sarah

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(written by Rev. June Goudy)

For love shared and hope renewed, for promises remembered and christs among us, for the feasts of this life and those to come, we give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new, praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels' wings, and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious beyond all telling. Alleluia and Amen.

Benediction

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Response

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Repeat)

Postlude

I Will Arise and Go To Jesus

Yuyoung Jeong

Arr. Mark Hayes

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