

Order of Worship for July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Tony & Nicklas DeLorenzo
Given by Kathy DeLorenzo Macalone & John Macalone*

*The steeple is lit in loving memory of
Eleanor Buker, USCG
Given by her son, William Buker*

Welcome

Prelude

Ji Hye Jung

Call to Worship *Matthew 13: 31-33; 44-52*

One: The kin-dom of heaven is like:
A tiny mustard seed that carries the life of a tree

All: The kin-dom of heaven is like:

One: A tiny portion of yeast that makes bread rise

All: The kin-dom of heaven is like:

One: A tiny pearl of great price
that we would give all our “stuff” to have

All: The kin-dom of heaven is like:

One: A fishing boat filled with catch—good and bad together—

All: With fisherfolk wise to recognize the good.

Invocation

Holy One,
you call us to find your kin-dom
already hidden in our world—
in tiny, transforming possibilities;
in beauty that calls us to surrender all;
in complicated choices that call for wisdom.
Reveal yourself here in this moment
And heighten our senses that we may find you
And join you in building this kin-dom of love, and hope, and peace.
In the name of the One who calls us to seek,
Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Grace and Wisdom *1 Kings 3:5-12*

In today’s reading from 1 Kings 3, The Holy One asks Solomon,
newly come to the throne, to ask for any gift. Solomon ponders,
and asks for the gift that will enable him to serve the people of God best:
an understanding heart, to know good from evil, and to lead the people
in wisdom. There were other reasonable gifts that Solomon could have chosen;
But he put the needs of the people at the center of his desire.

Let’s take a moment in silence to consider our lives,
the many competing needs that confront us;
Let’s ask for the discernment and wisdom that Solomon longed for,

that our choices may reflect generosity and the common good.

Silence

Assurance of Grace *Psalm 119:129-136*

Holy One, your word gives light and understanding to all;
we open ourselves to you in prayer
and find you already in our hearts,
leading us in the way of justice, compassion, and peace;
calling us to find you in our neighbors' need as well.
We give thanks.

Special Music

Simple Gifts
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, piano

Shaker Hymn, arr. John Purifoy

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12 & Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

“In the Little Things”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prayers of the People

Invitation of Offering & Blessing

Our God calls us to seek and find the hints of the Kin-dom in our world,
and to nurture its growth among us.
We will use our gifts, tithes and offerings to rebuild the body of Christ.

Dedication Prayer

Grow these gifts in your love,
Bless our offerings, our hearts and our hopes in your love
To make us worthy of your work for your Kin-dom in heaven,
And among us here, even now.
Fill these gifts and each of us with your goodness. Amen.

Special Music

Ji Hye Jung

Benediction

Go forth in Wisdom, in hope, in courage
With hearts open to recognize the signs of the reign of God in our midst,
and courage to create more space for grace in our lives and our world.

Postlude

Ji Hye Jung