

Order of Worship for August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Henry & Bertha Tongue
Given by Karen Tongue Hammond*

Welcome

Prelude

Fill My Cup, Lord
Marj Simpson, piano

Richard Blanchard

Call to Worship (Matthew 16:13-20; Romans 12:1-8)

Jesus calls,
Who do you say I am?
Some say Moses, some say Elijah, the
Prophet who comes with a word from the Holy.
Who do you say I am?
Some say Messiah, some say “Human One”
Healer who shares the life of the Holy.

Who do you say I am?
Some say Emmanuel, God-with-us,
Some say Wisdom, teacher of truth
Some say Ruler of Peace, Bringer of Justice.

And you, Maple Street Church, Who do you say I am?
You are the Body to which we belong;
We the members, each needed, treasured.
In you we are transformed
into your Hope, your Love, your Vision,
Holy God, you are the One we long for, the One we seek here today,
The One who empowers our lives.
Come, Let us worship!

Prayer of Invocation (Exodus 1:8-2:10)

Holy One, we tell your story today as a conspiracy of hearts;
The defiant midwives,
the laboring women,
the daughter of power
and the daughter of poverty
join forces to protect the children of Israel
and so set the stage for liberation.
Meet us here today and show us the gifts we have
to offer in the service of your kin-dom--
resilience, clear-sightedness, courage, compassion—
setting the stage for a Just World for All.
In Jesus’ name we gather and pray, Amen.

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer
Faith Bertrand, accordion

H.A. Malotte, arr. Galla-Rini

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

Invitation of Offering & Dedication

With praise and thanks, we create new life.
With vigor and sweat, we deliver our love.
With care and hope, we stretch out our hands.
We give our gifts of tithes and offerings to renew the world again.

Loving God,
with praise and thanks,
vigor and sweat, care and hope,
we bless these gifts in your love.
In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1-8 & Matthew 16:13-20	Faith Bertrand
Message	"Ready For Prime Time"	Rev. Pam Cochrane
Special Music	<i>Lord, Let Me Love You</i> Faith Bertrand, accordion	Music: John Denver; Lyrics: Jerry Bertrand

Lyrics:

*Lord, let me love you,
Let me give my gifts to you;
Let me sing to your praises,
Let me praise you with psalms;
Come and be here beside me,
Let me always be with you;
Lord, let me love you
As you have loved me.*

*You said, "Love thy neighbor"
And give help where it's needed;
There is joy in this labor,
It's a sign of our faith.
As we reach out to others
Everyone is our brother;
You said, "Love thy neighbor,"
Come show us the way.*

Benediction (inspired by Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8)

We go into the world as parents of your love.
We will be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
We will not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.
We will go to remember we can't do it alone.
We stretch out our hands.
Our God delivers.

Postlude	<i>God Be with You</i> Marj Simpson, piano	Music: Jeremiah Rankin; Words: William Tomer
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