# **JUNE 26, 2016**

Worship -9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

**PRELUDE** 

Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Graber, Worship Leader

\*HYMN #70

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Buerge

Song (see insert): Halle, halle, hallelujah!

**SCRIPTURE** 

Isaiah 60:1-2; 17-20 and Luke 22:39-53

#### SILENT CONFESSION

"The first step is saying I'm willing to be awake...I'm not going to tell myself the same old stories. I am willing to wake up to our current racial reality, our current political and economic realities...I'm willing to wake up, and I'm also willing to acknowledge my own complicity..."

-Michelle Alexander

**ASSURANCE** 

**SERMON** 

Keeping it safe as pacifists

**ANTHEM** 

I cried to God

text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Men's Ensemble

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

## COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

## **SHARING JOY**

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

**SHARING CONCERNS** 

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

## **OFFERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*HYMN (see insert)

To a place of celebration

#### \*SENDING FORTH

- L: Here we are, God—a planet at prayer.
- C: Attune our spirits that every heart might sing your hymn of peace.
- L: Here we are, God—a militarized planet.
- C: Transform our fears that we may convert our missiles and guns into messengers of peace.
- L: Here we are, God—a polluted planet.
- C: Purify our vision that we may cleanse our lands, our waters, and our life-giving air.
- L: Here we are, God—an exploited planet.
- C: Heal our hearts that we may provide for all an abundance of daily bread. AMEN. \*\*

## \*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\* *Sing the Story* #173

# Halle, hallelujah!



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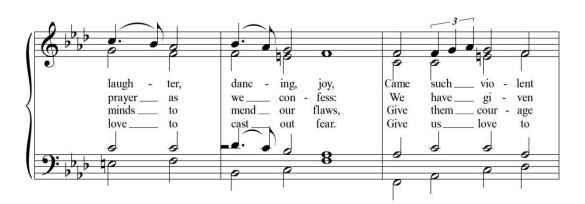
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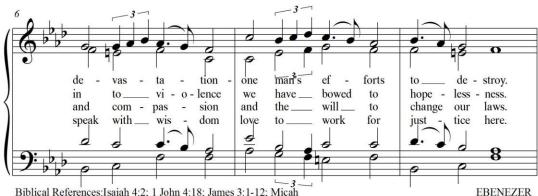
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# To a Place of Celebration







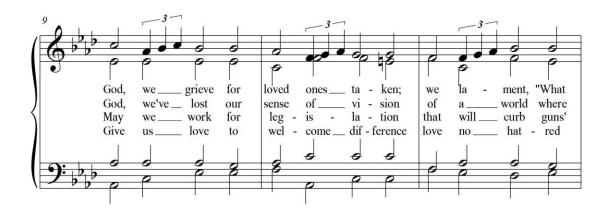
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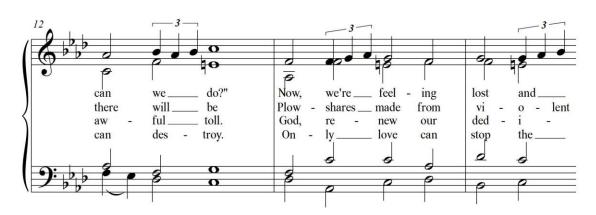
Biblical References:Isaiah 4:2; 1 John 4:18; James 3:1-12; Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:35

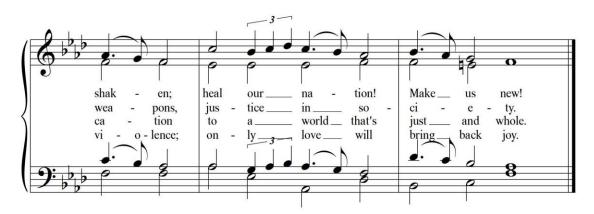
Tune: Thomas John Williams, 1890.

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# 335,609 (I Cried to God)

I cried to God, "Three hundred thirty thousand!
Five thousand more, six hundred more, and nine!"
In just ten years, a truth we can't imagine:
All died from guns, one loved one at a time!
And then I heard ... "Whom shall I send to grieve them?
Go tell the world: 'I love them! They are mine!"

I asked the Lord, "Why is there so much violence? If you are God, why don't you stop the pain? God, won't you speak? For all around is madness! Just say the word and make us whole again!" And then I heard ... "Whom shall I send as prophets? Speak out my truth! Shout till the killings end!"

I knelt and prayed, and wept for all the fallen;
So many lives, so many dreams now gone.
More than a name — each one was someone's cousin,
Or someone's child, or someone counted on.
And then I heard ... "Whom shall I send, who knew them,
To work for peace, to labor till the dawn?
Lord, here am I! And here are we, together!

No one alone can end this killing spree.

The powers of death pit one against another,

Yet you are God and you desire peace.

As mourners, prophets, laborers together,

Give us the strength to make the killings cease.

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Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now? What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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