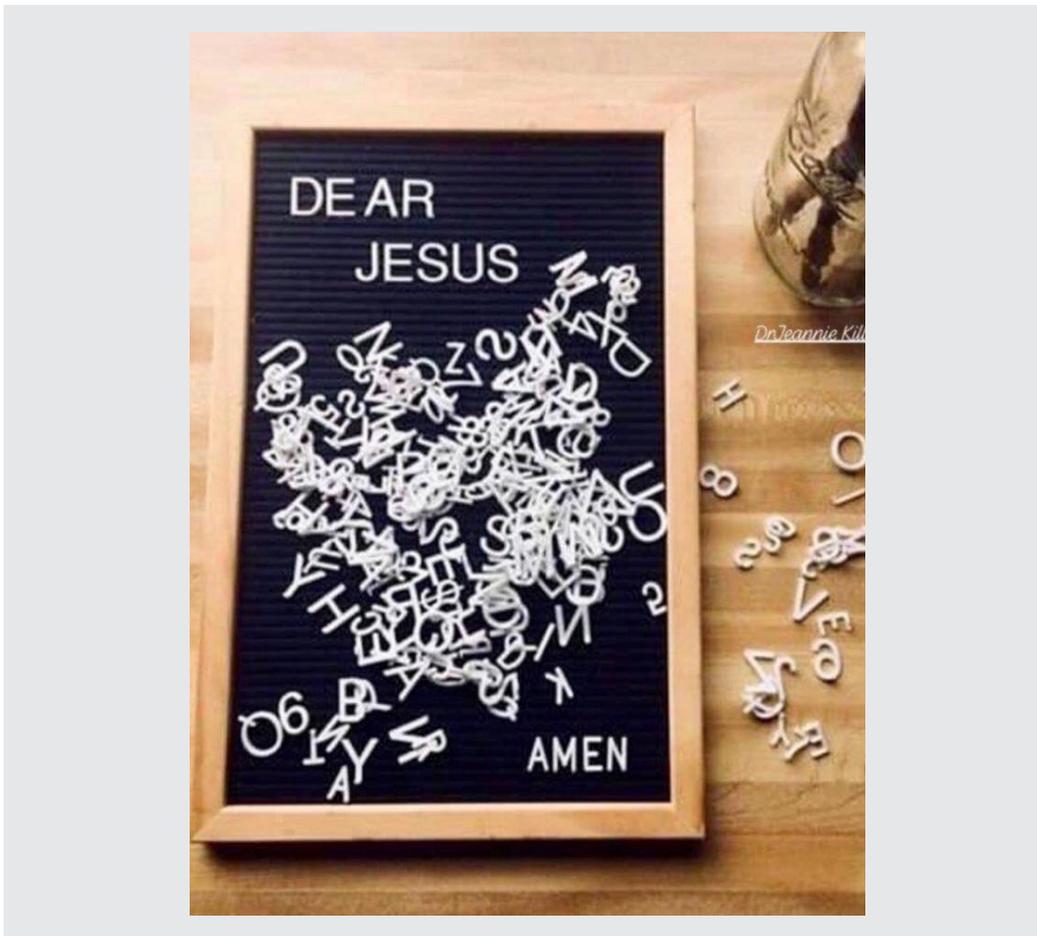




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Becoming Prayer

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

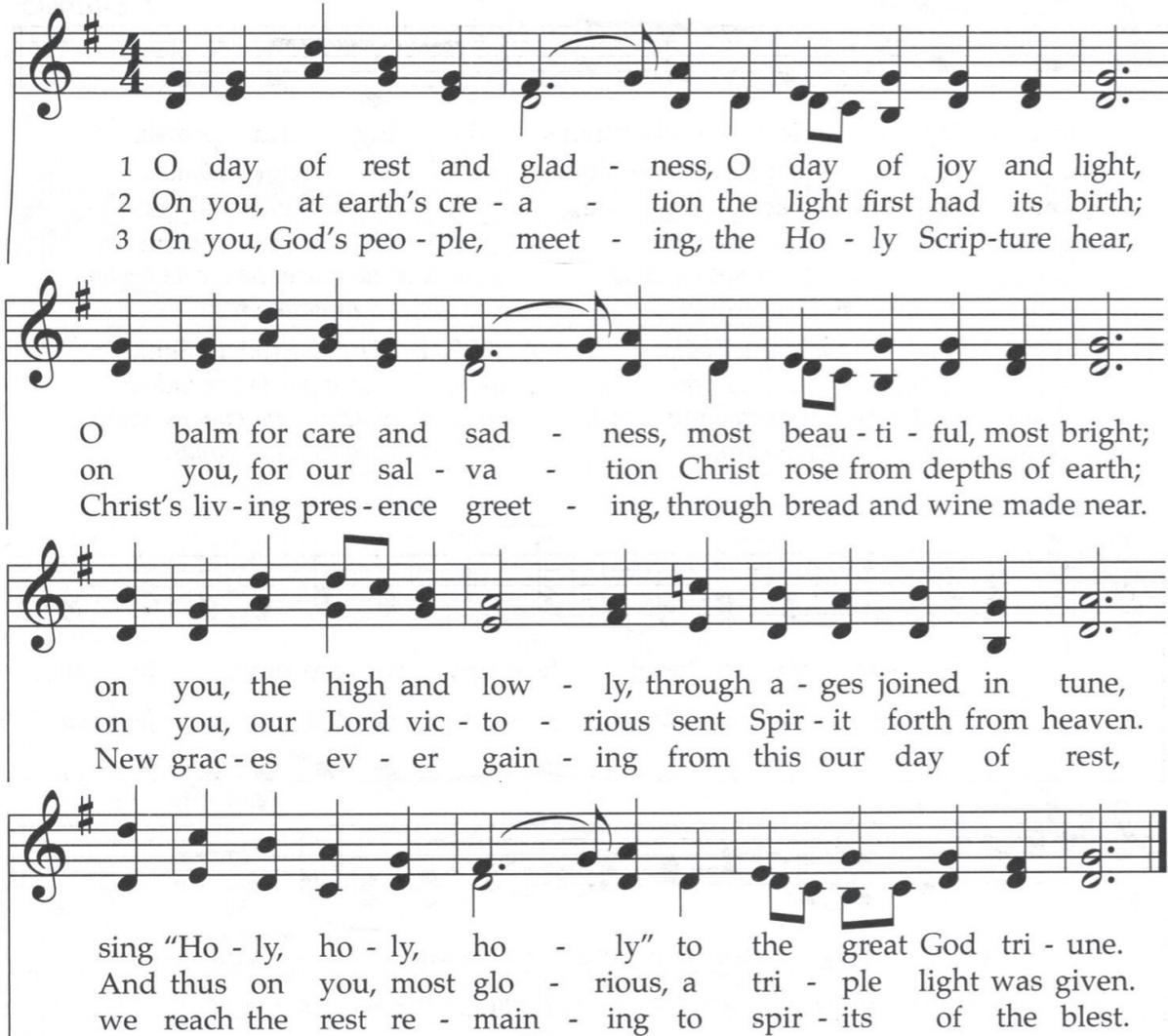
Improvisation on O Day of Rest and Gladness
Kajsa Teitelbaum

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,
O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.
on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,
sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Rev. Pedro Silva

God of all goodness, open unto me,
light for my darkness, courage for my fear,
hope for my despair, and peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow,
strength for my weakness, wisdom for my confusion,
forgiveness for my sins, and love for all my hates.
Open unto me Your Self for my self
and hear my every prayer. Amen.

Adapted from Howard Thurman (1900-1981)

PRAYER IN SONG

Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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SCRIPTURE

John 17:20-26

SERMON

Becoming a Prayer

Christina Braudaway-Bauman

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung responsively)*

Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom and the power and glory are yours forever.
Forever and ever. Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERTORY

Day by Day

L. Sandell Berg

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we commit and commend ourselves and all our gifts to you.
Be the goal of our pilgrimage and our rest along the way.
Let our hearts find peace in your presence.
Let our souls take refuge beneath your wings.
Let our voices sing of your wondrous love. Amen.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm



this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Organ Symphony in B minor
 IV. Finale

E. Andree

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

For the next 4 weeks, our church will receive a special offering to serve those in our wider community most vulnerable to the financial, social, and mental health effects of the Coronavirus. At that time, our Board of Missions & Christian Social Action will assess community needs and direct these funds to where they can do the most good.

Contribute online at www.firstcong.net, and select Benevolence-Missions from the dropdown and put **COVID RELIEF** in Memo.

Or contribute by *Text-to-Give* by texting to 73256 with the message *joy2givefcc*. You will be prompted to click on a link to complete your donation information. From there, select Benevolence-Missions from the dropdown and put **COVID RELIEF** in Memo.

You may also write a check to the church with **COVID RELIEF** in the memo.

VIRTUAL HYMN SING WITH KAJSA | MONDAY, 3/23, AND WEDNESDAY, 3/25 AT 9 AM

How Can I Keep from Singing? Join us on the church Facebook page for a live hymn sing on Monday and Wednesday. Three hymns each day. Click here for Monday's hymns and here for Wednesday's hymns. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to join this choir and make a joyful noise from home!

THE MORNING LINK | TUESDAY, 3/24 AND THURSDAY, 3/26 - 9 TO 9:30 AM

The Link, the connecting corridor in our church building, is a favorite place for greeting and gathering. In this season, we're moving the Link online. Hop on your computer or tablet, to check in and see each other face to face on Zoom. Stop in for a few moments or stay for the whole half hour. We'll end with prayer at 9:30 am. See the Weekly email for Zoom link.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE | WEDNESDAY 3/25, AT 7 PM

Often called "Vespers," which means evening or "Compline," for completion, this brief service is for those longing for peace at the end of the day. A distinctive feature of traditional Vespers is a thanksgiving for light. As the day closes and darkness gathers, we will give thanks for the light of Christ, a light that even death could not extinguish. Join us for prayer on the church's Facebook page.

POETRY SHARE AND CONVERSATION | FRIDAYS AT NOON

Join poets Rev. Pedro Silva and Diana Shellenberger for a virtual poetry reading and discussion on Fridays at noon. The first topic is The Power of a Common Dream, inspired by Adrienne Rich's book The Dream of a Common Language. We will use her poem, "Phantasia for Elvira Shatayev," as a starting point. Participants are welcome to join the discussion and read a poem of their choice. See the Weekly email for Zoom link.

DEATH OF OUR BELOVED ROGER EASTON

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you the news that our dear friend, Roger Easton died Monday March 16th. Suzie Helburn, the partner of Roger has said that services for Roger will be postponed until the summer. Roger's death was not connected to the virus. Please keep Suzie and the Easton family in your prayers.

PART OF BEING CHURCH IN UNCERTAIN TIMES IS TAKING CARE OF ONE ANOTHER

Do you need groceries, or a prescription picked up for you? Would you like to learn how to sign up for online grocery or meal delivery? Would you appreciate someone emailing or phoning you to check in on a regular basis? Or do you have free time right now and want to help fellow congregants? Email Jessica Austin at jessgaustin@yahoo.com with any requests or offers of assistance. We are here for each other.