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Holy Disruptors – Dorothy Day

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Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray that it will be a time of connection with God and with others, so that we can leave this service ready to love and serve our neighbors.

Bold type indicates everyone's response.

Gathering

Prelude *"Cantique de Jean Racine" by Faure* Choral Cosmo

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the One who creates, The One who liberates, and the One who inspires us to be who we were made to be.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: In every generation around the world, there arise powers that seek to dominate and oppress for their own gain. In every generation the faithful are called to rise up and name this oppression.

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P: To be a Holy Disruptor is to take up your cross and follow Jesus. Faithfully, we divest our hearts, minds, and actions from the way that harm... and invest our hearts, minds, and actions in the Way that brings life, healing, and wholeness.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: We gather today to remember Dorothy Day, a servant of God who truly saw Jesus in the eyes of the hungry, the hurting, and the marginalized. Her faith was not just a belief, but a courageous action, leading her to risk comfort and security for the sake of God's beloved children.

Today we focus on activist and organizer Dorothy Day. Co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, she often practiced civil disobedience and was arrested many times. Her causes included worker's rights, the suffrage movement, and anti-war protests.

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What is good trouble? It is standing up for what is right and good and just when people, systems or laws are unjust. Luther teaches us that there are two kingdoms, that of God and earth. We are called to follow the laws and government of where we live—except when those laws are unjust or go against the teachings of Christ.

C: Holy God, we confess our hesitation and our apathy, our moments of doubt that our hands can truly make a difference. Rekindle within us the fiery spirit of Dorothy Day, and empower us to act with the wisdom and strength of your Holy Spirit.

P: For God, in Christ, has shown us the Way—the path to the Kin-dom where justice reigns and love abounds. And daily, we are given the grace to begin again, to be made new and whole in the boundless embrace of God's forgiveness.

C: Amen! Come, Holy Spirit, transform our hearts!

*** Gathering Hymn** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

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***Prayer of the Day**

Lord, following the example of Dorothy day, we pray that we, too, may be carriers of unity and fraternity in our home. Give us the grace to take care of the less fortunate around us and to date to commit ourselves to rightful and peaceful causes. We hand you the places of social and racial injustice and the conflicts in our neighborhoods and countries. Come, bring your peace, your joy, your grace to this world, Lord. May your loving kindness be known on this earth.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

The Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thank be to God.**

Children’s Message

Drew Ajer

Sermon

Dave Birdsall

*Song of the Day To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

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Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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Prayers of the People

We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.

L: Hear us, O God, **C:** Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. Take your time, cherishing the people here in our midst.

Offering

Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...



The Meal

****Please stand as you are able****

***Words of the Institution**

***Invitation to Receive Communion**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith.

***The 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 this day our daily bread.
and 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,
Forever and ever. Amen**

To all guests and
visitor, to all who
have been
excluded...

Please know that
you are welcome
at this table!

The communion
bread is vegan and
we have gluten free
options. Wine is red,
grape juice is white.

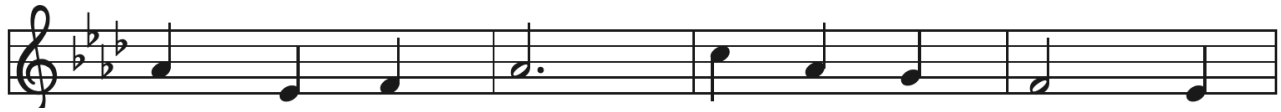
If the walk to the
altar is too far, just
let our ushers know
and we can bring
you communion.

Anthem *"When You Believe"* from *The Prince of Egypt* Choral Cosmo
words & music by Stephen Schwartz, arranged by John Leavitt

The Sending

Announcements

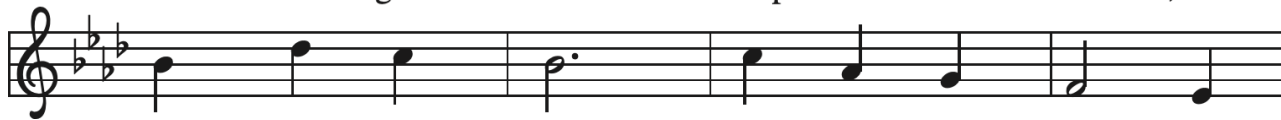
Blessing for the Backpackers *God's Work Our Hands, vs 2*



2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,



fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,



walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,



run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.



Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

*Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Sending Song *Christ, Be Our Light*

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*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude *Postludio Gioioso*

James Mansfield/B. Withers

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

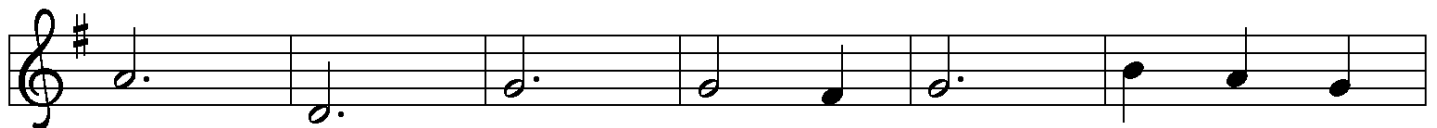


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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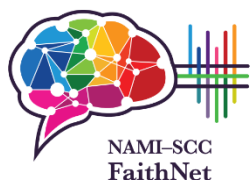
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Learn about upcoming events: request a copy of "Peace Notes," our print announcements, and the calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website: propeace.org.

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We are also members of *NAMI-FaithNet* , which creates mental health-friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.



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Our theme for 2025:

Rooted in the love of Christ, we will grow and cultivate a thriving mycorrhizal network, characterized by faithful awareness, bold hope, and empathetic action.