



Vestal United Methodist Church

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Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: May God's peace rest on our busy lives, so that we are quieted into prayer.

People: Let God's love flow through our worship words so that we are awake to opportunities for service.

Leader: May God's grace embrace every need and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire.

* Opening Hymn 496 UMG

Sweet Hour of Prayer

* Sharing Signs of Peace

Gathering Prayer [all read together]

God, when your work of creation was complete, you rested. Help us to find time apart from the cares and burdens of everyday life, so that we are renewed physically, mentally, and spiritually. Help us to slow down and take delight in your magnificent creation, and in all those who we share this time with. Help us to embrace leisure and regain strength to continue our journey through life; To continue to answer your call. As we set time apart, may we focus our gaze on you and reflect on what is important in life. Remind us to pray each day, so that we can be revitalized and refreshed, and return to our daily responsibilities with newfound joy and enthusiasm. In the renewing spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Come to Me (Moonlight Sonata)

BEETHOVEN

Isaac Garrigues-Cortelyou, tenor and Dan Rosenau, piano

First Lesson

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Children's Message

* Hymn

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

Second Lesson

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

From Eugene Peterson's *The Message*

The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat.

So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves. Someone saw them going and the word got around. From the surrounding towns people went out on foot, running, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them.

They beached the boat at Gennesaret and tied up at the landing. As soon as they got out of the boat, word got around fast. People ran this way and that, bringing their sick on stretchers to where they heard he was. Wherever he went, village or town or country crossroads, they brought their sick to the marketplace and begged him to let them touch the edge of his coat—that's all. And whoever touched him became well.

Message

A Hunger for Time Off

Mike Willis

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Living the Faith

Offering Ourselves to God

In the Quiet of This Moment

DEAN MCINTYRE

Isaac Garrigues-Cortelyou, tenor and Dan Rosenau, piano

*** Hymn 2128 FWS**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational Response 431 UMH** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Postlude

Opening Hymn 496: Sweet Hour of Prayer

WORDS: William Walford, 1845

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1861

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Closing Hymn 2128: Come and Find the Quiet Center

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray; MUSIC: attr. B. F. White
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1. Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Hymn: Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

WORDS: W. Chatterton Dix, 1867

MUSIC: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh folk melody;
David Evan's *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865

1. "Come unto me, ye weary,
and I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus,
which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
of pardon, grace, and peace,
of joy that hath no ending,
of love which cannot cease.

2. "Come unto me, dear children,
and I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus,
which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
and we had lost our way;
but morning brings us gladness,
and songs the break of day.

3. "Come unto me, ye fainting,
and I will give you life."
O peaceful voice of Jesus,
which comes to end our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
the fight is fierce and long;
but thou hast made us mighty,
and stronger than the strong.

4. "And whosoever cometh
I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus,
which drives away our doubt;
which calls us, very sinners,
unworthy though we be,
of love so free and boundless,
to come, dear Lord, to thee!

Response 431: Let There Be Peace On Earth

WORDS & MUSIC: Sy Miller & Jill Jackson;
harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987
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Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.