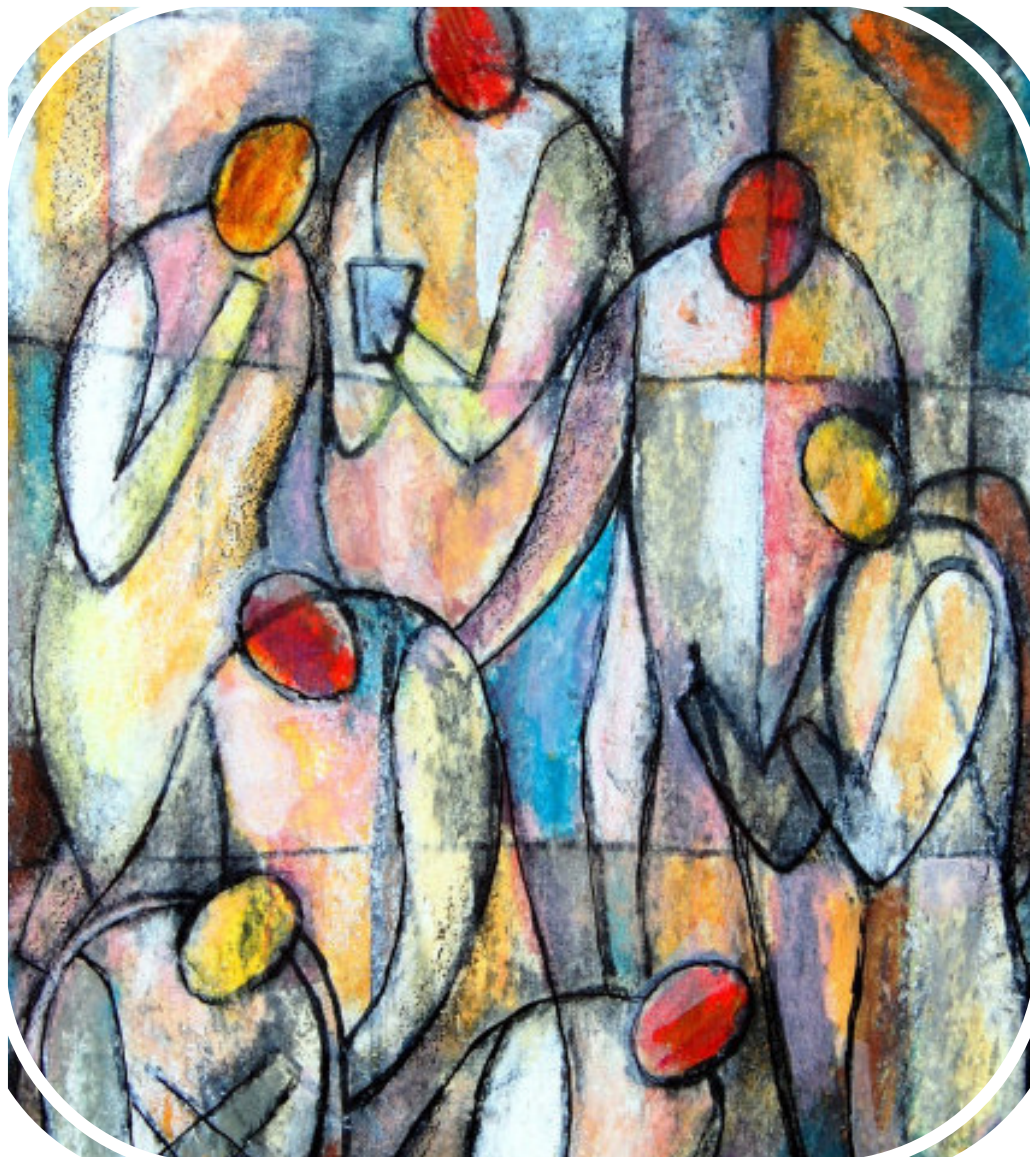


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New Story



Soichi Watanabe, *For the Least of These*, 2004

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023 • 9:30 am



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Words of Welcome
The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

* Opening Song Return to You • *Can Olgun, Lyrics by Sarah A. Speed*

I've read the stories
Of heartache and glory.
I've prayed ev'ry prayer for you.
And I've tasted glory
Because you say we're worthy.
I've sung ev'ry song for you.
But I have a wandering heart
And a fickle faith.
Can you find me here?
Can I see your face?

Chorus

*Help me return to you
There's nothing I'd rather do
Than return to you
There's nothing I'd rather do.
The storm may rise, the trumpet sound,
the curtain tear, and even now,
Return to you
There's nothing I'd rather do
Than return to you.*

I'll leave the boat
But when the storm comes, I'll let go
And I'll sink faster than a stone.

And I've called your name
When the world is full of pain,
But I still need to see your hands.

Cause I have a wandering heart
And a fickle faith.
Can you find me here?
Can I see your face?

Chorus

*Outro (repeat several times):
Teach me to rend my heart
Teach me to turn to you*

Teach me to rend my heart
Teach me to love like you
Teach me to love like you.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

(Silent Prayer)

* Words of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: We are loved. We are claimed. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Song of Celebration #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Welcoming New Members

* Holy Interruption

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Centering Song All Belong Here • *The Many*

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Chorus

*Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here*





When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Chorus

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.

Chorus (x2)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Matthew 25:31-40*

“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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 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, 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.’ 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“These Brothers and Sisters of Mine”**
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Response in Faith *Written by Sarah A. Speed*

We believe that we belong to God—
created in God's image, made good from the very start.
We believe that this belonging is a thread—
binding us together as humanity,

weaving us into God's everlasting love.
Therefore, as united siblings in Christ,
we commit to compassion.
We root for justice.
We speak up for mercy,
and we anchor ourselves in the belief that
even small acts of justice can and do make a difference.
So in unison we lift our voices for the world to hear, saying—
We belong to God.
All belong to God.
Amen.

Invitation to Pray and Give
Seminarian Caroline Grindrod

Offertory Song Brother • *The Brilliance*

Chorus
When I look into the face of my enemy,
I see my Brother, I see my Brother.
When I look into the face of my enemy,
I see my Brother, I see my Brother.

Instrumental interlude

Chorus
Forgiveness is the garment of our courage.
The power to make the peace we long to know.
Open up our eyes
To see the wounds that bind all of humankind.
May our shutter hearts
Greet the dawn of life with charity and love.

Chorus (open)

Prayer of Gratitude

* Benediction

* Closing Song Never Lost • *Maverick City Music*

God is my faithful Father,
Calling me out of the dark.
Night cannot whisper away what God said in the light.
God is my firm foundation;
My anchor won't be moved.
Storms may collide, but my soul is on fire with God's word.





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Chorus

Wind, listen to the sound
 Of power on my lips.
 Jesus has broken the curse;
 God has never lost a battle.
 And God never will, God never will.
 Oh, God never will, God never will.

God is my faithful Father,
 Calling me out of the dark.
 Night cannot whisper away what God said in the light.
 God is my firm foundation;
 My anchor won't be moved.
 Storms may collide, but my soul is on fire with God's word.

Chorus (x2):

Wind, listen to the sound
 Of power on my lips.
 Jesus has broken the curse;
 God has never lost a battle.
 And who are you, great mountain
 That you should not bow low.
 Jesus defeated the darkness;
 God has never lost a battle.

Christ, Redeemer, we remember
 God has won with grace.
 Jesus, Mighty Overcomer,
 Our Defender has conquered. *(Repeat 4x)*

Chorus (open):

Wind, listen to the sound
 Of power on my lips.
 Jesus has broken the curse;
 God has never lost a battle.
 And who are you, great mountain
 That you should not bow low.
 Jesus defeated the darkness;
 God has never lost a battle.

Sending

One: And all God's people say—
 All: Amen!

THE BIG THREE

The top three reminders for this week.

Spring & Summer Worship Calendar

Our last morning of Chapel Church is on Sunday, May 14. Chapel Church will break for the summer, returning Sept. 17. On Sunday, May 21, we have one worship service, at 11 am in the Sanctuary, when we will ordain and install our new officers. We begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 28 (the Day of Pentecost), with a single service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston's last Sunday before his summer sabbatical is on June 18. On Sunday, July 16, the Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall begins a six-week residency at Fifth Avenue. And if you want to mark your calendars for Homecoming, it's on Sunday, Sept. 10. All services in the Sanctuary also will be available on livestream and on demand.

Spring & Summer Youth Group Events

Youth Group's last Last Friday Meetup is happening this Friday at 7 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. But there are plenty more events coming up this summer, including Beat the Bomb & Shake Shack on Friday, May 19; volunteering with A Place at the Table, on Monday, June 26; and summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg, July 9-14. Details at fapc.org/events, or contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).

Welcome, New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome these new members into the church:

Lila Balistrieri	Beverly Gantt	Grant Rusk	Ricki Thompson
Brendan Birth	Ken Hoover	Nicole Rusk	John Young
Anna Bruns	Kyle Hughes	Jill Russell	Rachael Young
Joshua Code	Steffen Land	Tim Russell	
Benjamin Curley	Brendon Lee	Charity Scalzi	
Meghan Curran	Mckenna Nelson	Neva Strom	

Shout-out to today's worship team!

Jennifer Reed *voice* • Mary Penner-Lovci *voice* • Wayne Wilson *voice*
 Brendon Lee *guitar* • Can Olgun *Director of Chapel Church Music and pianist*



Let's Be Friends



FOR SERVICE NOTES & DOODLES

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