



Reconciliation (Josefina de Vasconcellos sculpture)

September 10, 2023

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able.

Bathrooms are located inside down the hall to the right, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where two or three are gathered together,
God is in their midst.
We gather to proclaim the promises,
to retell the stories,
to remember who we are as people of God.
Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 442 Just As I Am

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

The first system of music for 'Just As I Am' consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The bass line starts with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and B2, then a half note C3. The lyrics are aligned under the vocal line.

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

The second system of music continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line has a half note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, then a half note G4. The bass line has a half note C3, followed by quarter notes B2 and A2, then a half note G2. The lyrics are aligned under the vocal line.

come to thee,
in, with - out,
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
thine a - lone,

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us lay aside the works of evil and put on the armor of goodness. Let us live honorably, putting on the Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom we confess now.

Beautiful Savior,

you have made your law clear:

Love. Love one another.

Owe one another nothing but love.

Do no wrong to a neighbor.

But we have not mastered what it is to love.

We have fallen short,

causing harm to others

through careless action

and thoughtless lack of action.

Forgive us.

Teach us how to love more fully,

more perfectly,

as generously as you love,

following your law and fulfilling your will.

Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.

We will not take this forgiveness for granted,

but will let it transform how we live and love. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Holy Creator, you spoke all of creation into being, we ask that you keep speaking to us now. Speak to us as we read Scripture, that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise through the many voices around us. Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brass, Etc!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

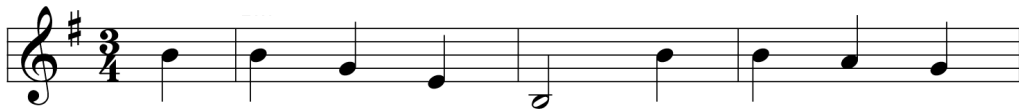
Rev. Carla Nelson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 637

O Sing to the Lord

verses 1,3, and 5



1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
3 So dance for our God and blow all the
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the
lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



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trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;


and let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,


now and forever. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light




1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Remember, as our time of worship draws to a close and our lives of service begin anew, go out into the world in peace. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, love everyone. That God's light and love, justice and joy, might be for you and all people everywhere. Amen. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Parts of the liturgy written by Molly Spangler and provided for free distribution.

A big thank you to Brass, Etc! for playing today!

Personnel:

Richard Zeller, trumpet

Micah Johnson, trumpet

Amanda Kaus, French horn

John Sievers, trombone

Mitch Stevenson, tuba



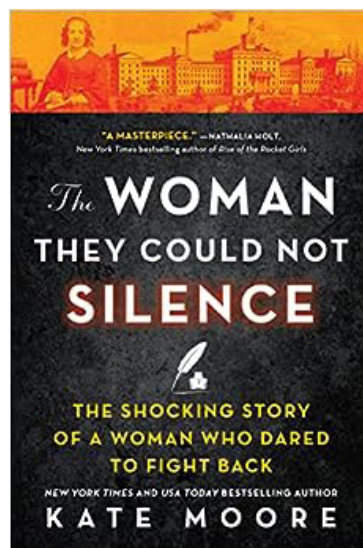
This picture is from September, 2019.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group meets on September 17, after worship. The group will discuss *The Woman Who Could Not Be Silenced*, by Kate Moore. The October selection, *All Creatures Great and Small*, by James Harriot, will be available on September 17.

Join in on the discussion on September 17th!
All are welcome!



Community Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 10

- 9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**
Outdoors, weather permitting
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, September 12

- 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, September 13

- 6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, September 14

- 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, September 17

- 9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Shannon Cisewski
Ron Murray
Dick and Nancy Massaro
The Hall Family

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You are with me.

PSALM 23

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MATTHEW 25



Jan Wiersma, former CPC pastor, has been accepted to attend a training session in Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 21-23.

The training will be led by the Community Peacemaker Teams and the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Oak Flat is a portion of the Tonto National Forest east of Phoenix, Ariz. This is the original homeland of about 11 tribes of Apache people, who consider it a sacred site...

From [http://www.apache-stronghold.com/...](http://www.apache-stronghold.com/)

“The Apache Stronghold are individuals who come together in unity to battle continued colonization, defend holy sites and freedom of religion, and are dedicated to building a better community through neighborhood programs and civic engagement. We work from San Carlos, Ariz., connecting Apaches and other Native and non-Native allies from all over the world.”

If Jan and the group leaders agree that spending a month in Oak Flat accompanying the Indigenous leaders would be a good fit for Jan, she will schedule that, too.

Participants encourage their supporters to contribute toward the \$2,000 cost of the training and the later stay at Oak Flat. Jan can pay this, plus my travel costs, from my own savings, but, as with any cause, donating gives people an incentive to learn about their investment.

Jan said: “If you feel so moved, I understand that you can make a tax-deductible contribution in this way: Go to the donation page for the coalition here: <https://dismantleddiscovery.org/donate/> and include the memo ‘September ‘23 CPT training’ for your donation.”

“Again, if you want to know more about this situation and the urgency that has inspired them to request people of faith to accompany them in their nonviolent spiritual resistance to the “murder” of this ancient, sacred site, you can go to apache-stronghold.com and read about the situation or watch a number of brief but excellent videos,” Jan said.

