

Contemporary Order of Worship
 February 26, 2023
 Worship Series: Busy: Reconnecting to An Unhurried God
 Message: The Right Tempo

Gathering *Good Good Father* Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Ministry Moment Trustees Update Jess Posey

Threshold Moment

Sing Verse 1 of Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives 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.

Pastor: I invite you to a deep breath...

Just notice the feeling and give it some thought.

Let this simple act

be a sign of the commitment to give ourselves a break,
 to give ourselves just an hour to catch our breath,
 to give *ourselves* time to give God attention.

Pastor: Let us pray, making space for God in the busyness of our lives.

Pastor: Spacious God, we come today hoping for tools to sweep away the stress.

People: Let us *make* room for You.

Pastor: Nudge us in this time of worship to seek the things that really matter.

People: Let us *find* room for You.

Pastor: Help us to claim our own selves as a holy sanctuary where You dwell.

People: Let us *be* room for You.

Sing Verse 2 of Come and Find the Quiet Center

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.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Holy Lord,
 as we enter this Lenten season,
 we are reminded of our deep need to reconnect with You.
 May Your hand guide us through the busyness of life
 to find the sacred rhythm lived in Your love and grace;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

Sing Verse 2 of Come and Find the Quiet Center

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.

Reception of New Members *Molly George (Katherine and Charlotte Glaser)*

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
 and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
 these persons now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to
 the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and
 forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them
 that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the
 Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Pastor: Members of the household of God,
 I commend this family to your love and care.
 Do all in your power to increase their faith,
 confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: We give thanks for all God has already given you
 and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the
 United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the
 ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and
 our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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

