

Traditional Order of Worship
March 19, 2023

Worship Series: Busy: Reconnecting to An Unhurried God
Message: Living Light

Prelude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Ken Todack
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Mission Moment	Rise Against Hunger	Suzanne Ackley

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: Let us pray a prayer of clearing out.

Pastor: God of Open Spaces, we are choked, clogged and cluttered.

People: Let us *make* room for You.

Pastor: Draw us into this time of worship to assess our real needs.

People: Let us *find* room for You.

Pastor: Help us clear out our hearts to find room for holy desires.

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: Dear Jesus,
we worry about many things in our lives.**

**We worry if we will have enough.
 As we remember that You care for even the lilies of the field,
 draw close to us and help to trust You
 to provide for our needs.
 May we learn that true satisfaction comes
 by living our lives with You. AMEN.**

Sing Verse 3 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.**

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People

Sarah Chambers

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. AMEN.**

Offering

Because He Lives

Evelyn Lucas

*Doxology

**For time to savor God's good gifts
 For space to breathe and hearts to lift
 For ways to reach out and to give
 We offer thanks and vow to live! AMEN**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gospel Reading	Luke 12:22-34	Peggy Brown
*Hymn	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>	UMH 395
Message	<i>Living Light</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
*Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	UMH 405
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>In the Garden</i>	June Shuffett