

Traditional Order of Worship  
 March 26, 2023  
 Worship Series: Busy: Reconnecting to An Unhurried God  
 Message: A Time For Every Matter

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	June Shuffett
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Ministry Moment</b>	A Disciple's Path	Bruce Bartolain
<b>Threshold Moment</b>		

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.

Creator God, we push and push until we are exhausted.

**People: Let us *make* room for You.**

Pastor: Release us from the illusion of the control of time and our fear of its passage.

**People: Let us *find* room for You.**

Pastor: Help us clear out the incessant drive to always produce.

**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: Ageless One,  
 who created time itself, and is sovereign over every passing moment,  
 be near to us in this moment.

Open our eyes to see that You do indeed have a time for every matter.

Help us to learn how to appreciate  
 the seasons of life lived in Your love. 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**

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  
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**

*Lead Me, Lord*

Karen Ingle

**\*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**

**Old Testament Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Bruce Bartolain

**\*Hymn**

*Not So in Haste, My Heart*

UMH 455

**Message**

*A Time For Every Matter*

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Hymn**

*The Hymn of Promise*

UMH 707

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

*God Will Take Care of You*

June Shuffett