

**March 22, 2020
Order of Service
Sacred Words**

Gathering Bell

Introit

The Twilight People

Adrian Jones

(words: Seamas O'Sullivan; music: Ralph Vaughan Williams)

*It is a whisper among the hazel bushes ;
It is a long, low, whispering voice that fills
With a sad music the bending and swaying rushes ;
It is a heart-beat deep in the quiet hills.*

*Twilight people, why will you still be crying,
Crying and calling to me out of the trees ?
For under the quiet grass the wise are lying,
And all the strong ones are gone over the seas.*

*And I am old, and in my heart at your calling
Only the old dead dreams a-fluttering go ;
As the wind, the forest wind, in its falling*

Sets the withered leaves fluttering to and fro.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lisa Perry-Wood

Testimonial

Whit Larrabee

Call to Worship

Regie O'Hare Gibson

***Opening Hymn:** #188 *Come Come Whoever You Are*

*Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Com, yet again come.*

Unison Chalice Lighting and Candles of Peace

Rev. Perry-Wood

*We give ourselves one unto another, covenanting to walk together
as a congregation, promising faithfully to watch over one another,*

and to delight for love to abide in our midst. 1717 Covenant (adapted)

Nos entregamos y nos comprometemos a caminar juntos como congregación, prometiendo con mucha fe cuidarnos mutuamente y deleitarnos en el amor que permanecerá entre nosotros.

Candles of J&C

Rev. Perry-Wood

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Rev. Perry-Wood

Anthem *Peace the Perfect Word* Adrian Jones & Keith Kirchoff
(words: Odell Shepard; tune: Southern Harmony; arr: Keith Kirchoff)

*Peace! The perfect word is sounding, like a universal hymn
Under oceans, over mountains, to the world's remotest rim.*

*Toiling centuries have struggled upward on a stony way
Just to set the torch of freedom where it flames aloft today.*

*All the old forlorn lost causes, every fair forbidden dream,
And the prophet's hopeless vision, and the poet's fitting gleam.*

*All the hopes of subject peoples, all the dreams of the oppressed,
Must be ours, our hopes, our visions. We can never stay or rest.*

Reading

The Word (Pablo Neruda)

Regie O'Hare Gibson

Offertory

Beautiful City (Stephen Schwartz) Adrian Jones & Keith Kirchoff

*Out of the ruins and rubble
Out of the smoke
Out of our night of struggle
Can we see a ray of hope?
One pale thin ray reaching for the day...*

*We can build a beautiful city
Yes, we can(Yes, we can)
We can build a beautiful city
Not a city of angels
But we can build a city of man*

*We may not reach the ending
But we can start
Slowly but surely mending
Brick by brick
Heart by heart
Now, maybe now
We start learning how*

*When your trust is all but shattered
When your faith is all but killed
You can give up bitter and battered
Or you can slowly start to build!*

Blessing of the Gifts

Rev. Perry-Wood

***Hymn of Preparation** #159 *This is My Song*

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pien;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, though God of all the nations
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

Sermon

Sacred Words

Regie O'Hare Gibson

***Closing Hymn** #1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

*When our hearts is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

*When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
Ev'ry color cv'ry creed and kind,*

*And we see our faces in each other's eyes,
Then our heart is in a holy place.*

*When our hearts is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

*When we tell our story from deep inside,
And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.*

*When our hearts is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

*When we share the silence of sacred space,
And the God of our Heart stirs within,
And we feel the power of each other's faith,
Then our heart is in a holy place.*

*When our hearts is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.
When our heart is in a holy place.*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Perry-Wood

Unison Affirmation

*We extinguish this flame and not the light of truth,
The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry with us an offer as gifts unto the world.*

Benediction

Regie O'Hare Gibson



Announcements

Join Us For Virtual Coffee Hour! (Starting at end of service)

Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/202397967>

Phone: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 202 397 967

Join Us For RE Chapel at 1:00pm

In our first installment of virtual RE, all of our young people will come together for an RE Chapel. First Parish young people are encouraged to join their families in worship before RE Chapel. Special prompts and questions will be included in the live stream comments, so when the young people gather together they will be able to share their responses to worship. RE Chapel will also provide time for our young people to check-in and connect with each other. Led by Laci Lee Adams and Nathan Frietas!

Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/955358350>

Phone: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 955 358 350