



Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"This Is My Father's World"*

**Kristin Hammond**

## **PSALTER READING**

*"Psalm 29"*

**Jane Hill**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters, and the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**Pastor Michael**

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(read by the liturgist)*

**Jane Hill**

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt. In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters, and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

## **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

*(read by the liturgist)*

**Jane Hill**

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope, and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us. No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! **AMEN**

## **NT EPISTLE READING**

**"Romans 8:12-17"**

**Jane Hill**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are

children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD**

**Pastor Michael**

In grace, we bind ourselves to those who have no life; in hope, we bind ourselves to those who live in despair; in peace, we bind ourselves to all damaged by violence and hate; in gratitude, we offer our gifts and bind ourselves to you, O God, in the work of justice, love, and wonder as you build your community in our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. **AMEN**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Pastor Michael**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**Congregation**

**UMH #89**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
(Projected on Screen by Power Point)*

*We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

*“John 3:1-17”*

**Pastor Michael**

**SERMON**

*“Judgment Free Zone”*

**Pastor Michael**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Mary Frances Gunn**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Pastor Michael**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Pastor Michael**

*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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN*

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Michael**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC  
as they join us for worship.**

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.  
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.  
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.  
We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**