

The liturgical color is green for First Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE Fantasy on the Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy" Piet Post
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Karen Scott, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, people of God, to know again who you are.

MANY: We come ready to sit with hard truths that we might stand in the light.

ONE: Come people of God to face what has been.

MANY: We come with honesty and humility, willing to name the harm we have done and hold the harm we have suffered.

ONE: Come, people of God to remember who you can be.

MANY: We come with trust, knowing that God can write a new law on our hearts.

ONE: Together we can write a new story.

ALL: With God's help we can become the people we were created to be.

ONE: Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

MANY: We seek God's presence all around us.

ONE: Beloved disciples, if God's presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

MANY: We seek to recognize God's presence among us.

ONE: Beloved disciples, if God is among you, what are you seeking?

MANY: We seek God in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.

ONE: Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of your neighbor, what are you seeking?

MANY: We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God's creation.

ONE: As we gather today, may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding.

ALL: Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2023.

***OPENING HYMN** "God of Many Names" UMH 105

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM "Inception" Jason W. Krug
Canticle Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-3a CEB, p. 514

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS UMH 33

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

** Congregation is invited to stand or remain seated*

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.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.

OFFERTORY "Simplicity" Matthew Compton

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "El Shaddai" UMH 123

SCRIPTURE Genesis 16:1-16 CEB, p. 10

MESSAGE "Close Encounters: Hagar Names God"
Rev. Tammy Palermo

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Happy the Home When God Is There" UMH 445

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written Henry Ware Jr. He was born in Massachusetts in 1794. Ware was an Unitarian Minister who graduated from Harvard Divinity School. He wrote many texts on Christian living including the words in this hymn written in 1824. They were intended for family worship. Ware was minister of the Unitarian Second Church in Boston. He left there to teach at Harvard Divinity and was succeeded at the church by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Ware died in 1843. His texts were published in 1846. The British Clergyman, organist and composer John Dykes (1823-1876) put the text to the music of his song St. Agnes in 1866. Dykes used the same song for the hymn Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee which is number 175 in the United Methodist Hymnal.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Piet Post

With Deepest Thanks & Appreciation to the
Canticle Bell Choir

For another season of joyful bell peals and peaceful melodies

Jennie Carpenter
Richard Carpenter
Debbie Deal
Willie Dycks
Sharon Erbaugh
Vicki Gurich
Gail Heyduk

Pat Humphrey
Melanie Lyttle
Lindsay McFadden
Diane Paroubek
Tracy Paroubek
Carolyn Sechnick
Dave Sechnick
Marilyn Skouby



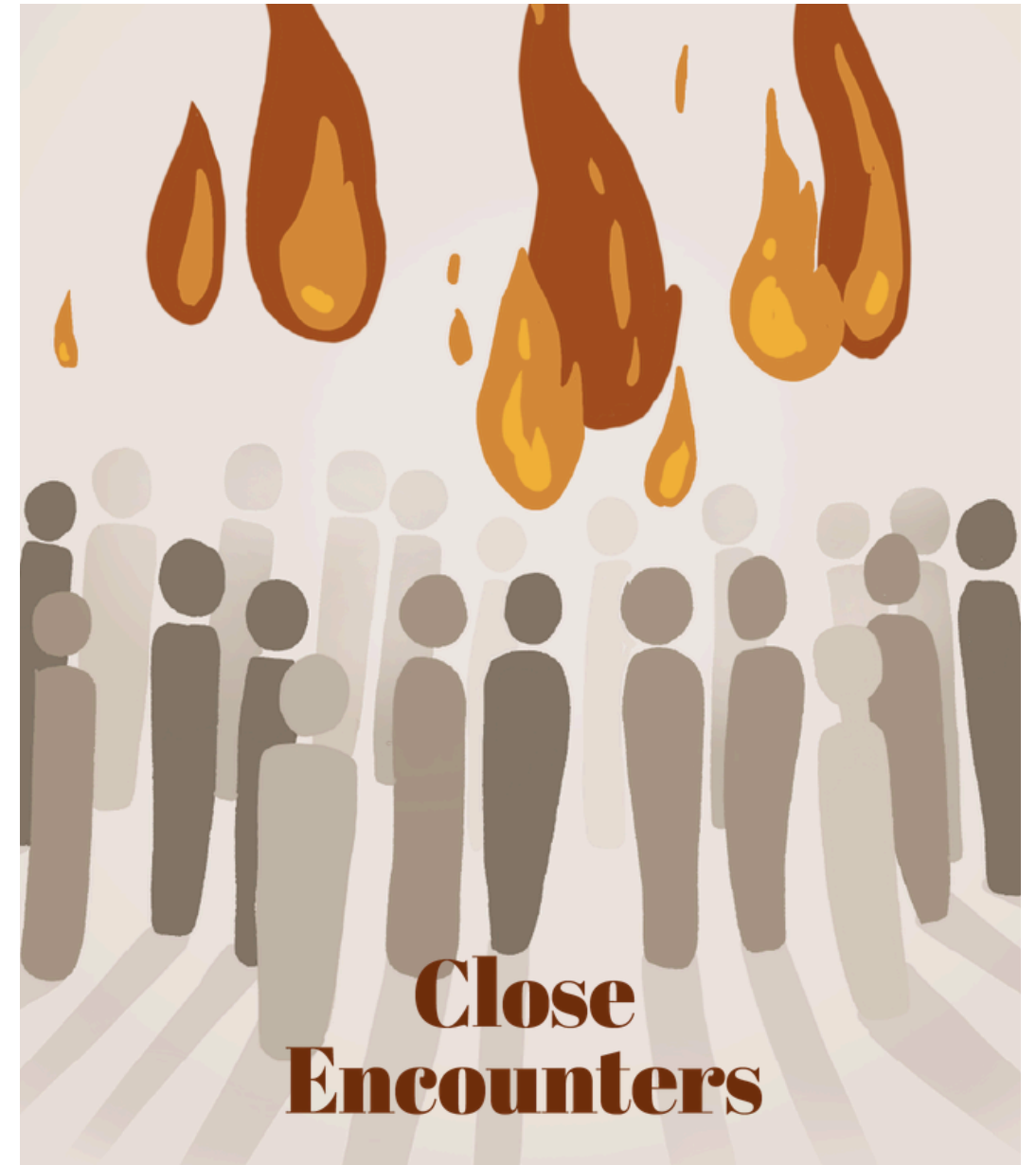
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