

# *Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*

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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 286 *Breathe on Me Breath of God*  
<https://youtu.be/LB9NyecMS7s> - Harding University Concert Choir

Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

## **Call to Worship:**

From God comes the wonder of creation.

**We will worship God the Creator.**

From God comes healing for the brokenness we feel.

**We will worship God revealed in Jesus.**

From God comes the strength to face the new day.

**We will worship God our Sustainer.**

Hymn of Praise # 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
<https://youtu.be/eeSoE1Kmmv0> - Mountain Anthems

I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

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There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

**Call to Confession:**

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, together, let us make our confession.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

We are so scattered, O God: We flit from cause to cause;  
we are easily distracted by the next important thing;  
we think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today.  
Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.  
Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.  
Help us to think deeply, and respond generously,  
as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously  
(moment of silent confession).  
This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 468 *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified***

**LORD, BE GLORIFIED**

<https://youtu.be/tdMXa-2Tz68> - Community of Christ Europe Singers

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
in your Church, Lord, be glorified today.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**Special Music: *For the Beauty of the Earth* composed by John Rutter**

Sung by St. Joseph Private School in Kuching: <https://youtu.be/UFz3uQblmnw>

## **Second Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-11**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**Sermon: "The Contemplative Practice of Praying" (PDF attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

### **Affirmation of Faith:**

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,  
and the world came into being.**

**The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness,  
matter from nothing,  
flesh from dust,  
life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine  
the Word of God came to us.  
Even though of one being with the Creator,  
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born,  
lived and walked among us,  
speaking the words of life.  
He was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.  
He is the one who saves us from ourselves.**

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,  
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,  
whispers the Word,  
and calls us back to the Creator,  
back to the Christ,  
back to the wholeness of everlasting life  
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

**(written by Lisa Frenz for Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Portland, OR)**

**Hymn of Meditation # 410 *God is Calling Through a Whisper***  
[https://youtu.be/EMkMoG\\_qJn4](https://youtu.be/EMkMoG_qJn4) - The Presbyterian Church of Westfield

**Mary Louise Bringle, author**

**God is calling through the whispers of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightening, crash of thunder, hush of stillness, rush of wonder;  
God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?**

**God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing, strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?**

**God is calling through music of sublime and human arts,  
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing, days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling, and we hear. God is calling and we hear.**

**Prayers of the People:**

Lord, we come here today in fellowship with one another setting aside this time solely for you. To offer you praise and worship, to hear you speak to us, and to leave here shaped a little bit more into the likeness of Jesus Christ. So we come humbly and quietly before you, praying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, we thank you for those times this week where we smiled and laughed, those times of friendship enjoyed, of meals shared, those times when we appreciated the beauty of nature, when we felt a peace in our hearts, when we paused to be grateful for the life you have given us. For all of these, and so much more, we know that we are blessed. And in gratitude and joy, we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our days of difficulty and struggle, for the times when we have been less than our best, we give you thanks that you do not turn away from us and that we are never alone. The Bible tells us that you are with us in the valleys of our life and faith. Help us to be still and to feel your presence and your power to heal the brokenness within us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we lift to you our church. We want to be used by you to make a difference in the lives of others. The need for hope, acceptance, love and compassion is great, and you are the answer to those needs. Help us to show others the way to you through our programs, through our ministries, and most of all through our lives and example. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift to you our country and its leaders. We pray that egos and power plays will be set aside, and that wisdom, vision and collaboration will prevail. You are sorely needed, and so Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, for those who are sick, suffering, lonely, misguided, or just in need of your presence, we ask that you would touch them with your healing, with your guidance, with your peace. You have those on our prayer list, but hear us now as people in this congregation lift out loud, or in silence, the names of those for whom we ask your blessing...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, for the confidence and joy and hope we have because we walk daily with you, we give you thanks and praise in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

This morning, we have the opportunity to share in God's work in the world. What will you offer this week of your time, your talents, and your finances for God to bless and multiply? Let us receive this morning's offering.

**Doxology # 609**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

<https://youtu.be/Pt8vqxGZp-0>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Gracious God, we behold your goodness in each moment if we but listen. Accept our monetary offerings and our offering of talents and gifts. Bless these gifts and bless us that we may be ready to listen to your words of comfort and challenge in our week ahead and respond with joy! Amen.

**Closing Hymn # 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCES

<https://youtu.be/9pR-ib1ZgIE> - Susan Boyles

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**Charge and Benediction:**

Go now into the new moments of this week.  
Take time to be silent and let creation speak.  
Take time to be silent and let the scriptures inspire, comfort, and challenge you.  
Take time to be silent and open to God's presence.  
And the blessing of God will surely pour down upon you, wildly, extravagantly, generously.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the friendship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you and with all of creation.  
Amen.

*God's beauty is expressed whenever we of earth so desire to seek for it.  
It shall not be difficult for us to behold beauty,  
when we behold the beauty of God within our own consciousness. . . .  
Beauty is everywhere to those who would behold it.  
When God reigns supreme in the consciousness of humankind,  
the tiniest blade of grass speaks of God's beauty.  
~ by Frater Achad*

