



FIRST SUNDAY EVENING

PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Join us for a regular monthly gathering of worship, prayer, and communion as we accompany and pray for one another in this time of transition for our community. We celebrate the presence of Christ, with us beyond time and space, that holds us together and calls us into life-giving possibility.



For our time of transition:
A Service of Communion and Prayer

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One in the Spirit, One with our Neighbors

Rev. Daryn Stylianopoulos, Pastor

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§ *indicates an invitation to stand*

Prelude

Levon Hovsepian

§ **Lighting the Candle of Life**

ALL: *We light the Candle of Life — a candle that represents community, spirit, and the fullness of all of life — birth and death and all of the transitions in between and beyond.*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Daryn Stylianopoulos



§ Call to Worship

Psalm 126

One: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

One: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

All: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

One: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.



Hymn 423

TRUST & ASSURANCE

423 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

1 Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
2 Make God's deeds known to the peo-ple; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name.

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

For the Lord de-fends and shields me and his sav-ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might pro-claim.

Em Dm C $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{E}$ E Am $\frac{Am}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em D Em A Bm $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D

So re-joice as you draw wa-ter from sal-va-tion's liv-ing spring;
Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell,

$\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{C(\#)}{E}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ G Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am D G $\frac{G}{B}$ D D7 G

in the day of your de-liv-'rance thank the Lord, his mer-cies sing.
in your ver-y midst, the great and Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-); para. Isaiah 12:1-6
MUSIC: Dutch melody, 18th c.

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Scripture

Isaiah 43: 16-21

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
- ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
- ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
- ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Sermon

“Water in the Wilderness”

Rev. Daryn Stylianopoulos



§ Hymn 71

GOD OF PROVIDENCE & CARE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm B \flat 6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
 ing; shel-tering you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus -
 you: sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

B \flat 6 C7 F $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C}{E}$

va - tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend - ing! Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

F $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ C Am B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ A $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ C7 F

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra-cious or - dain - ing?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN
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Prayers of the People
 Celebration of Holy Communion
 § Communion Hymn 695

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HOLY COMMUNION

As We Gather at Your Table 695

Unison
N.C. F Bb Bb/C F

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

N.C. F Bb Bb/C F

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

N.C. Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am/C Bb2 Bb

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy bind us nor will pride our peace de-destroy,

C7/G F Fmaj7 Bb Bb/C F

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-tory known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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§ **Benediction**

One: Our blessing to one another is that we are here for one another, that we are with one another, that we celebrate and remember one another along the journey.

ALL: We extinguish the Candle of Life, but the Light continues to shine within us. As we pass the peace we carry the Light of the Candle of Life from this hour into this world and beyond, offering peace, hope and light wherever the journey leads.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in peace as we prepare for the journey ahead.

Postlude

Levon Hovsepian

Our next regular service will be May 1st at 5pm.

Other Upcoming Services at 5pm:

April 10th - Palm Sunday

April 15th - Ecumenical Good Friday

April 17th - Easter Sunday

Masks and Social Distancing Required.

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