

June 14, 2020 Graduate, Teacher Sunday 9:45 AM

PRELUDE

I'm Forever Grateful

By Mark Altrogge

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

Welcome by Pastor Mike Holland

CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Lara & Michelle McKinley

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer written by Rev. Nancy Brink

One: Today we honor our graduates and those who give their lives to teaching. We are grateful for the ways technology allows education to continue.

Many: We celebrate our graduates' accomplishments and bless each one to use their spiritual gifts to build a stronger community.

One: Even as we are sickened by the violence that terrorizes the Black community, we are heartened that the people are marching and learning about systemic racism.

Many: May we commit ourselves to learn, to have difficult conversations, and to transform the institutions that diminish the lives of people of color.

One: Teach us the things which make for peace.
Let us pray:

OPENING PRAYER

led by Anna Galera

Source of wisdom and truth, bless our graduates in this most challenging year. Bless our schools and those who teach with creativity and grace. Bless those who are demonstrating peacefully, using their passion to change hearts and minds. Bless our community, our nation, our world as we combat coronavirus and the insidious infection of racism. Amen.

OPENING SONG

Wellspring

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos

SPECIAL MUSIC

Free Spirit from the *The Sedona Suite*

By Tom Barabas

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS & GRADUATES

MORNING PRAYERS with Pastor Kel Henderson

Pastoral Prayer

The Serenity Prayer

God, grant us the...

**Serenity to accept things we cannot change,
Courage to change the things we can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference**

Patience for the things that take time

Appreciation for all that we have, and

Tolerance for those with different struggles

Freedom to live beyond the limitations of our past ways,

The ability to feel your love for us

and our love for each other and the

Strength to get up and try again

even when we feel it is hopeless.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Siyahamba

We Are Marching in the Light of God

South African Hymn

SCRIPTURE READINGS

by Daniel McKinley

Isaiah 59:14-15

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands at a distance; for truth stumbles in the public square, and uprightness cannot enter. ¹⁵Truth is lacking, and whoever turns from evil is despoiled. God saw it and was displeased because there was no justice in the land.

John 16:13

The Spirit of truth will come and guide you into all the truth; for truth speaks not on its own, but speaks whatever it hears, and then declares to you the things that are to come.

MESSAGE

In the Spirit of Truth Pastor Mike Holland

DISCIPLESHIP SONG

In the Midst of New Dimensions Vs. 1, 3, & 5

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

by Sara Linton

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BENEDICTION

Pastor Kel Henderson

CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

POSTLUDE

It is Good To Give Thanks

By Tom Howard and Bill Batstone

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal