

September 20, 2020

9:45 AM

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT** with Robbie Arevalos

**PRELUDE**

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
*The Heart of Worship*  
Arr. by Victor Labenske

Welcome by Pastor Kel Henderson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Sam and Marcie Brezarich

One: We come upon this day in hopeful anticipation of the newness that life offers us each and every day.

Many: **Life's newness is a continuing experience of light and darkness, expected and unexpected and God walks with us through it all.**

One: Let us embrace this newness with open and eager hearts that are ready to walk with the Divine and embrace the unknown without fear.

Many: **We walk our new steps with strength of faith and awareness of God's presence guiding us to our greater good.**

**Prayer (unison):**

**Speak to us Eternal Spirit as we come with open hearts ready to hear your words of wisdom. As a church body we are currently experiencing change and newness, we ask for the ability to look upon the road ahead with eager anticipation rather than anxious trepidation. Bless us with the strength and vision to see that the path before us holds opportunity for us to continue to be a voice and a vessel for Divine love, social justice and human equality and that wherever we are on our journey we will continue to provide a safe and supportive space for all people. Amen**

**OPENING SONG**

*One Spirit of Love*

**MORNING PRAYERS**

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kel Henderson

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS (A unison invocation based on the Lord's Prayer and Teilhard de Chardin's "Mass on the World" - by Venetia Carse)**

led by Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre

**Our Loving Creator, who is within and beyond; Whose spirit breathes through and makes divine all dimensions of the universe; Holy be Your name. Teach us to listen to Your breath within our hearts, that in ourselves and in communion one with another, we may become as You would have us be. Strengthen our endeavor to build this Your sacred earth in caring stewardship with people of all creeds and origins. Give us this day the bread of life, the opportunity to grow, the wisdom and honesty to face our shortcomings, the courage to confront our pain; that healed by Your love, we may heal the pain in others. Be with us when our lives are shattered by dark and disabling forces; Lead us from darkness to light, for Yours is the vision, the animating and transcendent power of love, the easement of the soul and the gift of eternal truth. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
*Change My Heart, O God*  
By Eddie Espinosa

**SCRIPTURE READING**

by Dan Griset

Genesis 21:8-19

<sup>8</sup> The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

<sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. NRSV

## MESSAGE

*One-Wing Butterflies*

Rev. Dr. Felix Villanueva

## DISCIPLESHIP SONG *Spirit, Fill Me*

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Suvan Geer

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## BENEDICTION

Pastor Kel Henderson

## CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE

*Abba teach me, day by day*

*Love's sweet lesson, to obey*

*Sweeter music, cannot be*

*Loving God who first loved me*

(Repeat)

*Loving God who first loved me ... loved me*

## POSTLUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

*Our God*

By Harlan Rogers