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“The Search for Quantum Epiphany!”

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Worship: 10:00 AM

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Together on the Journey!

One of our Mennonite songbooks evokes wonderful images of voices blending in praise as we travel together on a path toward a deeper understanding of faith. The road can be smooth for stretches but also includes rough patches that challenge or discourage. But if we pay attention, we may notice God’s guiding hand directing us.

1. GATHERING

Prelude (Leanna)

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 60 (Steve)

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

P: Yes we are alive, awake, and ready to shine!

L: Really? I’ll say it again, arise, shine, for your light has come!

P: Yes, really, we are ready, we are awake, alive, and ready to shine!

L: The glory of the LORD rises upon you.

P: Even though darkness still covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

L: the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

P: Nations will come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our dawn.

L: Lift up your eyes and look about you!

P: We are radiant and our hearts throb and swell with joy...

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

Opening Prayer (Steve)

Congregational Singing (Cathy)

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.” — Franklin D. Roosevelt

“It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, how hopeless the outlook how muddled the tangle, how great the mistake. A sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all.” — Emmet Fox

“I would argue that nothing gives life more purpose than the realization that every moment of consciousness is a precious and fragile gift.” — Steven Pinker

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

All: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

Candle lighting



Reader 1: We never stop facing opportunities to learn.

Reader 2: We learn through successes and achievements; we learn through mistakes and failures.

Reader 1: In our learning, we can also mentor others and model wisdom along the way.

Candle lighting (the Christ candle is lit)

All: Like a tree, may we grow in faith and wisdom with roots spreading deep to provide grounding, and rings of growth showing our continued learning.

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Psalm 90:1-6, Luke 19:1-11

Luke 19:1 Jesus entered into Jericho and began to pass through the city. There was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and he was very rich. He wanted to see Jesus, but he could not because of the crowds and because he was a very short man. So, Zacchaeus ran and climbed a sycamore tree in order to get a glimpse of Jesus.

Jesus passed right under the tree that Zacchaeus was in and looked up. Then Jesus said, ⁶“Zacchaeus, hurry up and come down here, for today I am going to stay in your home.” Zacchaeus quickly slid down the tree and made preparations to receive Jesus into his home. And he did it with joy in his heart.

When the crowds heard and saw what Jesus was doing, they murmured, saying, ‘He is going to stay with a man who is a sinner.’

Zacchaeus stood and said to Jesus, ‘Behold, Lord, half my goods I am going to give to the poor, and if I have cheated any man, I will restore fourfold.’

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to your house. For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”

There was a great expectancy among the crowds that the kingdom of God was about to immediately appear..



Sermon: “The Search for a Quantum Epiphany” (John)

In our day of Quantum Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Quantum Computers and even Quantum Health, is there any hope for a Quantum Faith, a Quantum Epiphany? What is quantum anyway? Let's explore. In a religious climate of future expectation of the kingdom, Jesus kept insisting that the kingdom was at hand. Is the Kingdom alive on Oak Street in Fort Collins?

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Cathy)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (Leanna)

Sending Blessing (Steve)

May you have enough love to make you sweet;
Enough trials to make you sweat;
Enough sorrow to keep you sober;
Enough hope to save your soul.

“Science means constantly walking a tightrope between blind faith and curiosity; between expertise and creativity; between bias and openness; between experience and epiphany; between ambition and passion; and between arrogance and conviction - in short, between an old today and a new tomorrow.” — Heinrich Rohrer