

THE JOY AND SORROW OF EXPECTATIONS

Rev. John Morehouse
September 19, 2021 10 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Dayle Brownstein, Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

HYMN #17 Every Night and Every Morn

1. Every night and every morn some to misery are born;
Every morn and every night some are born to sweet delight.
2. Joy and woe are woven fine, clothing for the soul divine:
Under every grief and pine runs a joy with silken twine.
3. It is right it should be so: we were made for joy and woe;
and when this we rightly know, safely through the world we go.

ANTIPHON FOR ATONEMENT (See below)

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CANDLELIGHTING

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PRAYER AND MEDITATION


Kim Warman, Intern Minister

MUSIC "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen

Teen Choir

SERMON "The Joy and Sorrow of Expectations"

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

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DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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Let us be grateful when we are able to give,
For many do not have that privilege.
Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts,
For we are enriched by their giving.
And let us be grateful even for our needs,
So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

CLOSING SONG "Source of All Goodness", Traditional Hebrew

1. O Source of all goodness, O Source of all mercy,
for all who have wronged us and all whom we've wronged,
may we forgive and be forgiv'n.
For all of life we pray and honor each new day;
may all of earth's peoples, both young and the old,
hold all life as sacred and whole.

2.O Source of all goodness, O Source of all mercy,
for each word and gesture, for each thought and action
we summon compassion and strength.
For all of life we pray and honor each new day;
may all of earth's peoples, both young and the old,
hold all life as sacred and whole.

3.O Source of all goodness, O Source of all mercy,
May we be inscribed in the pages of Life for this
season and for this new year.
For all of life we pray and honor each new day;
may all of earth's peoples, both young and the old,
hold all life as sacred and whole.

CLOSING WORDS

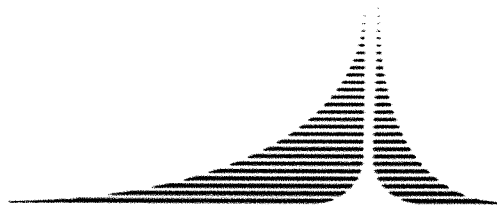
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POSTLUDE "Vine and Fig Tree", Trad. Hebrew

Teen Choir

Flowers

*To Leigh Gage's mother, Margaret MacDougall, who turns 102 today.
Birthdate 9/19/1919. God bless her.*



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ANTIPHON FOR ATONEMENT

Open the gates of Righteousness, enter them and give thanks. The sacred gate is in our minds and in our hearts. We have sometimes left the gate closed, forgetting what is most dear, neglecting what is most important.

**WE HAVE, ALL OF US, FAILED FROM TIME TO TIME.
WE HAVE, ALL OF US, REVEALED OUR HUMAN
WEAKNESS AND FALLIBILITY. WE ARE NOT PERFECT.
WE WRESTLE WITH THE FORCES OF GOOD AND EVIL
WHICH ARE IN US ALL.**

Choir: Hashiveinu (let us return)

We are brothers and sisters, children of one family. We have known the sting of remorse, inadequacy and guilt. Our minds have sometimes grown weary. We have known days of anguish and nights of despair.

**MAY WE OPEN THE GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY
OPENING OUR MINDS AND HEARTS TO NEW INSIGHTS
INTO OURSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER. WHEN THAT
GATE IS OPEN IN US MAY WE USHER OUR OLD
HATREDS AND BITTER RESENTMENTS AND ALLOW
FRESH, COOL BREEZES OF ATONEMENT TO COME TO US.**

Choir: Pitchuli (open the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks)

We have sometimes committed the sin of idolatry, thinking we know more than it is ours to know. We have sometimes put too much value on material possessions and worldly wealth.

**WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IS NEAR AT HAND – SIMPLE
ACTS OF KINDNESS, EXPRESSIONS OF HUMAN
COMPASSION, AND OUR OWN DEEP, SINCERE DESIRE FOR WHOLENESS,
AUTHENTICITY AND INTEGRITY.**

Choir: Hashiveinu

We are children of the Universe. We have a right to be here. May our faults, failures and limitations remind us of our need for humility, even as we reject the humiliation of calling ourselves unworthy sinners in the hands of an angry god.

**LET PEACE COME INTO OUR HEARTS AND REFRESH
OUR SPIRITS.**

Choir: Pitchuli

The Kingdom of Heaven is within. May we enter it and know peace, and may we rededicate ourselves to the tasks which remain before us, helping to make our world a better place to live today, tomorrow and for all time.

O Source of All Goodness

Thompson

A.W.Binder

O Source of all good - ness, O Source of all mer -

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- cy, 1. for all who have wronged us and all whom we've wronged, may
2. for each word and ges - ture, for each thought and ac - tion we
3. may we be in - scribed in the pag - es of Life for this

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we for - give and be for - giv'n. For all of life we
sum - mon com - pas - sion and strength.
sea - son and for this new year.

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pray and hon - or each new day; may

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all of earth's peo - ples, both young and the old, hold all life as sac - red and

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whole. O all life as sac - red and whole.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 6/8. It features a melody with various rests and phrasing slurs. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, and there are three numbered first endings (1., 2., 3.) indicated by brackets and repeat signs.