

Examining Guilt and Forgiveness

Oct 6th, 2024

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

OPENING WORDS:

CHALICE LIGHTING:

 by Leslie Pohl Kosbau

Flame of fire, spark of the universe

That warmed our ancestral hearth-

Agent of life and death, Symbol of truth and freedom

We strive to understand ourselves

And our earthly home.

OPENING HYMN*:

 #368 Now Let Us Sing

STORY FOR ALL AGES:

The Foods of Repentance

SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

“Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace, Let the Spirit of Love Surround you, Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for truth its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine: thus do we covenant with each other and with God.

CENTERING HYMN:

 #318 We Would Be One

PRAYER:

 Tribal Drumbeats

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN:

MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE:

RESPONSIVE READING:

 #444 (see reverse)

SERMON:

 Examining Guilt: Making Amends

OFFERTORY WORDS:

 Do it Again God.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY:

DOXOLOGY*

From all that dwell below the skies

Let songs of love and faith arise

Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung

Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE* ES Jones

We extinguish this flame / but not the light of truth

the warmth of community / or the fire of

commitment. These we carry in our hearts

until we are together again.

CLOSING HYMN*:

 #212 Dancing Sarah's Circle

(the hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)

BENEDICTION:

 Rev. Kok-Heong McNaughton

POSTLUDE:

*Please stand in body or spirit.

*Please join us for refreshments downstairs
immediately after the service*

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Responsive Reading:

#444, "This House" Ken Patton

This house is for the ingathering of nature & human nature.

It is a house of friendships, a haven in trouble, an open room for the encouragement of our struggle.

It is a house of freedom, guarding the dignity and worth of every person.

It offers a platform for the free voice, for declaring, both in times of security and danger, the full and undivided conflict of opinion.

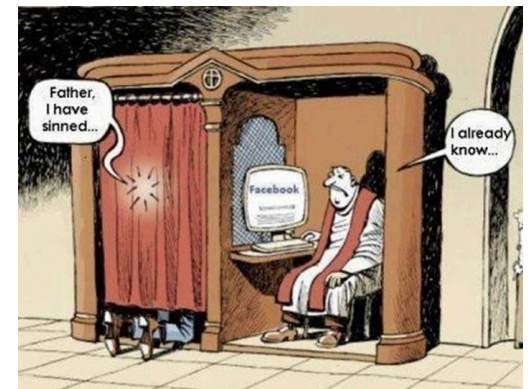
It is a house of truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community of searchers.

It is a house of art, adorning its celebrations with melodies and handiworks.

It is a house of prophecy, outrunning times past and times present in visions of growth and progress.

This house is a cradle for our dreams, the workshop of our common endeavor.

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