



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
January 10, 2021 • First Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERED

Whatever Thing

David Nash

Whatever thing that I have carried in this place
That will keep me from you, I will lay it at your feet
Whatever burden I have carried for so long
That will keep me from seeing you
I will lay it down right now

I need... to hear you speak to me
And I... want to feel you in this place
You long... to take me in your arms of love
So take me in your arms of love

All of the things that are cluttering my mind
I will push them far from here and listen for your voice
All of the pain that I am carrying inside, I will hand it to you,
You will take it, set me free, I will fly

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Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, people of God! The light has come; it shines around us, within us, and without us.

People: In the gloom of winter we seek out the light of Christ; we yearn for God's radiance and warmth.

Leader: Gather, people of God! Come to encounter the Holy Mystery of God-with-us.

People: As the wise men journeyed from afar, so have we come to pay homage to the Christ child.

Leader: Give thanks, people of God! Let us be servants of the gospel, sharers in the promise of Christ.

People: Through Christ, we have access to God; let us be bold in our worship!

Prelude/Musical Invitation

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Video

Blesses with Discomfort

The Work of the People

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#13

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of night away;

Giver of Immortal gladness, fill us with the light of Day.

All Thy works with joy surrounds us, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest. Wellspring of the joy of living,

Ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – All who live in love are Thine

Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us,

Brother love binds us man to man. Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Invocation

Gracious God, we thank you for your promise to be with us and among us today as we worship you in a spirit of humility and holiness. We invite you to be our "true mirror," to hold up before us your Word in such a way that we see our true selves. Help us also to see in a new way the fullness of your glory, grace, and mercy. We await in the next hour your word to us, that by it we may be empowered to live in the world, announcing your rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

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Written Word

Psalm 29

NSRV

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace!

Mission Moment

Hymn

Holy, Holy

#50

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
and we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Gracious Father, gracious Father, we're so blest to be your children, precious Father;
And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love, Gracious Father, gracious Father.
Precious Jesus, precious Jesus, We're so glad that you've redeemed us, precious Jesus;
And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love, Precious Jesus, precious Jesus.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
and we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.

ENTERING GOD'S STORY

Written Word

Genesis 1: 1–5

NSRV

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day and the darkness, Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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Sermon

Day 1

Rev. Mark Rambo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Piano Solo

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Rambo

Stewardship in Tithes & Offerings

Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

#17

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided – Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness. To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided – Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided – Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Weekly Challenges

Postlude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Benediction

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently