

MESSAGE

Stephanie Preece

*HYMN

“My Hope is Built”

UMH #368

SENDING FORTH

Tamara Louison

Please gather around the communion table for our sending forth and closing blessings.

Serve your God with patience and passion.

Be deliberate in enacting your faith.

Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit’s power.

And may peace be your way in the world. Amen.

*SUNG BLESSING

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH #431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment

in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

BENEDICTION

Hannah Shuetz

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

8:30pm Sunday April 29 **Final Worship of the Semester:**

Honoring Graduating Seniors and Grad Students *Linehan Chapel*

9:30am Tuesday May 8 **Senior Retreat:**

A Time of Reflection for Graduating Students *(on campus)*

3:30pm Friday, May 11 **Baccalaureate:**

An Interfaith Service of Recognition for Graduating Students *Arts Center*

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2011

8:30 p.m.



*You are God’s “chosen generation”,
his “royal priesthood”, his “holy nation”, his “peculiar people”—
all the old titles of God’s people now belong to you.
It is for you now to demonstrate the goodness of him who has
called you out of darkness into his amazing light.*

In the past you were not “a people” at all:

now you are the people of God.

(1 Peter 2:9-10, J.B. Phillips New Testament)

Protestant Worship

Stephanie Preece, Guest Preacher

Alison Schmied, Protestant Chaplain

Stephanie Preece and Eric Hauck, Music Leaders

Lacey Wilson, Graduate Assistant

GATHERING MUSIC Eric Hauck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Alison Schmied

MUSICAL MEDITATION Meghan Grant
Please use this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship

*RESPONSIVE GREETING (responsively) (inspired by Chief Seattle) Nicole Tarsio
 Every part of this earth is sacred.
**Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,
 every mist in the dark woods,
 every clearing and humming insect is holy.**
 The rocky crest, the meadow, the beasts and all the people,
 all belong to the same family.
 Teach your children that the earth is our mother.
**Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.
 We are part of the earth, and the earth is a part of us.**
 The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.
**The performed flowers are out sisters, the air is precious,
 for all of us share the same breath.**
 The wind that gave our grandparents breath also receives their last sigh..
The wind gave our children the spirit of life.
 This we know, the earth does not belong to us.
We belong to the earth.
 This we know, all things are connected.
Like the blood which unites one family, all things are connected.
 Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.
**For we did not weave the web of life.
 We are merely a strand in it.**
 Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.
**Let us give thanks for the web and the circle that connects us.
 Thanks be to God, the God of all.**

*SHARING SIGNS OF GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN "I Come to the Garden" UMH #314

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 5:19 (INT)* Courtney Adams
 (...be filled with the Spirit,) meditating on psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
 singing and making music to God in your hearts.

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 4:13(INT)* Anne Bell
 I can do all things through the One who gives me strength.

ANTHEM "Lord of the Dance" Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
 SILENT PRAYER
 PASTORAL PRAYER
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
 And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
 kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Peter 2:1-10 (INT)* Stephanie Preece
 Therefore, never be spiteful, deceitful, hypocritical, envious, or critical of each
 other. Like newborn babies, be hungry for nothing but milk—the pure milk of the
 word that will make you grow into salvation, now that you have “tasted that Our
 God is good.”
 Come to Christ—a living stone, rejected by mortals but approved nonetheless,
 chosen and precious in God's eyes. And you are living stones as well: you are being
 built as an edifice of spirit, to become a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices
 to God through Jesus Christ. For scripture has it,
 “See, I am laying a cornerstone in Zion;
 an approved stone, and precious.
 Those who put their faith in it will not be shaken.”
 The stone is precious for you who have faith. Bur for those without faith, “The
 stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” And, at the same
 time, “An obstacle and a stumbling block.”
 Those who stumble and fall are the disbelievers in God's word; it is their
 destiny to do so. You, however are a “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a
 consecrated nation, a people set apart” to sing the praises of the One who called
 you out of the darkness into the wonderful, divine light. Once you were “not a
 people” but now you are the people of God; Once there was “no mercy for you,”
 but now you have found mercy.

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