

McPHAIL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Communion Sunday, July 7, 2024

“The poet only asks to get his head into the heavens. It is the logician who seeks to get the heavens into his head. And it is his head that splits.”

— *G.K. Chesterton*

THE PRELUDE AS WE GATHER

“Contemplation”
“Prelude on TENDER THOUGHT”

Denis Bédard
Charles Callahan

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (congregation standing)

LEADER: In a world of competition and hard work,

PEOPLE: **It is good for us to come abide and rest.**

LEADER: In a world torn by anger and stress,

PEOPLE: **It is good for us to repose in God’s love.**

LEADER: In a world of war and division,

PEOPLE: **It is good for us to worship together.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “To God Be the Glory ” #72

PRAYER (together, seated)

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, for ever and ever. Amen

Sung Softly Together

Be still and know that I am God.
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In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
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RESPONSIVE PSALM From Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

So my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?’

They say to me continually, ‘Where is your God?’

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God;

For I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

SCRIPTURE READING DANIEL 4 (Robert Alter, trans.)

At the end of the twelve months he was walking up on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. The king spoke out and said, “Is not this the great Babylon that I have built as the house of the kingdom in the might of my power and for the honor of my glory?” The word was still in the mouth of the king when a voice fell from the heavens: “To you they say, King Nebuchadnezzar, the kingship has turned away from you. And from man they shall banish you, and with the beasts of the fields your dwelling, grass like the ox they shall feed you”....At that very moment the word was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and from man he was banished and he ate grass like the ox, and from the dew of the heavens his body was moistened until his hair grew like eagles and his nails like birds. And at the end of many days: “I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes to the heavens and my mind returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and extolled the Eternal One...all of Whose acts are truth and Whose paths are justice”

HYMN “The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well” #615

