

Holy Monday, March 30, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church



WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Preludes

Welcome

Introduction of Guest

Alana Walker Carpenter

Call to Worship

Leader: We call on the power of God to meet us in our
helplessness

People: GOD IN OUR THINKING, GOD IN OUR
SPEAKING

Hymn: Christ be beside me vs 1 (Bunessan)
words from St. Patrick's breastplate

Christ be beside me
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart,
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
Never to part

Leader: We call on the clarity of God to meet us in our
confusion

People: GOD IN OUR ACTING, GOD IN OUR STILLNESS

We are honoured by the presence
and gifts of our guest musicians.

Guest Artists

Eric Robertson, piano
Sharlene Wallace, harp
Earl Brubacher, flute
Stephen Ellison, cantor
Colleen Burns, cantor

Hymn: Christ be beside me vs 2 (Bunessan)

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
light of my life.

Leader: We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our
brokenness:

People: GOD IN OUR WAKING, GOD IN OUR SLEEPING

Hymn: Christ be beside me vs 3 (Bunessan)

Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues
telling of me,
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

Leader: We call on the Spirit of God to meet us in our division:

People: GOD IN OUR MEETING, GOD IN OUR PARTING

Hymn—Come, Host of heaven's high dwelling place

1. Come, Host of heaven's high dwelling place,
Come earth's disputed guest:
Find in this house a welcome home,
Stay here and take your rest.

2. Surround these walls with faith and love
That through the nights and days,
When human tongues from speaking cease,
These stones may echo praise.

3. Bless and inspire those gathered here
With patience, hope and peace
And all the joys that know the depth
In which all sorrows cease

4. Here may the losers find their worth,
The strangers find a friend;
Here may the hopeless find their faith
And aimless find an end.

5. Build, from the human fabric, signs
Of how your kingdom thrives,
Of how the Holy Spirit changes life
Through changing lives.

6. So, to the Lord whose care enfolds
The world held in this hands,
Be glory, honour, love and praise
For which this house now stands.

Hymn—Thank you for the night

1. Thank you for the night,
The sign that day is done,
That life is meant to rest
And sleep to come.

2. Thank you for the quiet
As silence scatters sound,
While God, in both,
Is waiting to be found.

3. Thank you for the dark
To complement the light,
As insight, open-eyed,
Replaces sight.

4. Thank you for the word,
Which darkness can't contain,
That life, laid down,
Is raised to life again.

5. Thank you for the night,
A measure of your care.
In darkness, as in light,
You, Lord, are there.

Closing Response

Leader: O Trinity of Love, You have been with us at the world's
beginning

All: BE WITH US TIL THE WORLD'S END

Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping

All: BE WITH US AT OUR LIFE'S END

Leader: You have been with us at the sun's rising

All: BE WITH US TIL THE DAY'S END

Sung Blessing (Ae Fond Kiss)

May the God of peace go with us
As we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us
Firm in the hope and full of grace

Postlude

Prayer

Leader: Gracious Father we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit who meets us in the dark places where we hide even from ourselves pretending to be who we are not. O Spirit call to us now on the music of the wind and lead us home to our true selves that we might live in your eternal light. And so to your truth we surrender to you the false pretences, the deception and the fear that you might come alive in us.

Silence

People: (Refrain)

**Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.**

Leader: O Comforter Divine, we give to your care those lingering in the shadows of discouragement and despair. Holy Spirit revive and encourage the weak and the anxious. Whisper into the hearts of all who can barely cling to their faith and tell them you are here in love.

Silence

People: Refrain

Leader: Spirit of Unity who is One with the Father and the Son breath on us and erode away the spiritual decay which leads us to turn on sisters and brothers whose perspective and gifting are not our own. Spirit whisper grace and peace into the family of God.

Silence

People: Refrain

Leader: Spirit of Power, hover over the chaos of our world that our ordered lives at last might confess the beauty of your peace. Fill our sails O wind of God that with conviction we might move in the direction of your guiding hand. O Spirit without your power and direction we are adrift and lost. Breath on us breath of God. Breath on us even now. Amen.

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives, as the refreshing rain falls on the just and the unjust alike

People: REFRESH US WITH YOUR MERCY, FOR YOU
KNOW OUR OWN INJUSTICE AND SIN

Leader: As the stream flows steadily on, defying all the odds of stone and water

People: FLOW OVER EVERY BOUNDARY AND
BORDER THAT SEPARATES US FROM EACH
OTHER

Leader: As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us

People: RENEW US NOW IN NEWNESS OF LIFE
AND UNITY OF LOVE

Leader: As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb

People: HOLD US IN THE POWER AND PEACE OF
YOUR ABIDING PRESENCE

All - The Lord's Prayer

Hymn - What wondrous love is this (Wondrous Love)

- vs. 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul;
 what wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Scripture - Colossians 1: 9-14

- vs. 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
 when I was sinking down, sinking down;
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

Scripture - Colossians 1: 15 - 20

- vs. 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Scripture - Colossians 1: 21-23,

- vs. 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
 and when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
 through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

Holy Scripture: John 15:26-16:15

Silence

Hymn SHB 40 - I feel the winds of God today (Kingsfold)

Meditation - “

Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Silence

Hymn - We cannot measure how you heal (Ye Banks and Braes)

During the hymn worshipers are invited to come forward and light a votive candle and place it on the communion table as a sign of one's prayer for a friend or even as a sign of renewed commitment.

1. We cannot measure how you heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away,
The guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds,
Are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
The hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside,
The memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need your help
And some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world
Are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
To mend the body, mind and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain
And make your broken people whole.