



Welcome to Fairlawn-West UCC's Annual Church Picnic!

September 12, 2021

“So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
you should do it all for God’s glory.”

1 Corinthians 10.31

Song of Spiritual Community: Hear All Creation

Keith Getty | Margaret Becker

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Hear all creation lift its voice
The mountains sing
And the rivers rejoice
For the name of Jesus
For His name

And we His people saved by grace
We bow our hearts
And we bring our praise
To our sweet Redeemer
For His name

Chorus:

So with everything we are
And everything we have
We pour out our offerings
And if ever we should fail
The rocks will rise up
And crown Him the King of Kings

He mends our hearts He keeps our ways
He lights our nights
And He leads our days
All for His honor
For His name

There is nothing greater than to be His
To bring Him glory
And to fully live
For the name of Jesus
For His name

Chorus x 2

Welcome

Meditation Moment

Call to Worship

Praise be to God,

Creator of time and space!

Who has set eternity in the human heart.

Who gives us today

in which we can be happy and do good.

Today,

in which we can eat and drink and find satisfaction.

Today,

which is a gift from God.

Let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.

For everything God does will endure forever.

Prayer of Invocation

God, let this be a fruitful day! In this time of worship, open our eyes to beauty, tune our ears to harmony. The fragrance of your love permeating every moment. The touch of your hand guiding all we do. Together, we want to taste with delight the joy of your presence here today.

Amen.

Song of Spiritual Devotion: Turn, Turn, Turn

Pete Seeger; Adapted from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Chorus:

To everything – turn! turn! turn!

There is a season – turn! turn! turn!

And a time to every purpose under heaven

A time to be born, a time to die

A time to plant, a time to reap

A time to kill, a time to heal

A time to laugh, a time to weep

Chorus

A time to build up, a time to break down

A time to dance, a time to mourn

A time to cast away stones,

A time to gather stones together

Chorus

A time to gain, a time to lose

A time to rend, a time to sew

A time for love, a time for hate

A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3.9-15 (CEB)

9 What do workers gain from all their hard work? **10** I have observed the task that God has given human beings. **11** God has made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts, without enabling them to discover what God has done from beginning to end.

12 I know that there's nothing better for them but to enjoy themselves and do what's good while they live. **13** Moreover, this is the gift of God: that all people should eat, drink, and enjoy the

results of their hard work. **14** I know that whatever God does will last forever; it's impossible to add to it or take away from it. God has done this so that people are reverent before him.

15 Whatever happens has already happened, and whatever will happen has already happened before. And God looks after what is driven away.

Scripture Reflection

Holy Communion

Prayer

Holy One, you have gifted us with food and drink, and we ask that you bless them to the nourishment of our bodies. You have been with us through times of laughter and days of weeping. You have comforted us in the midst of pain and confronted us in the needs of our neighbors. You have called us to responsibility for the well-being of this planet and the welfare of all your people. Continue to move within and among us and equip us for these tasks that you set before us, and help us to remember that there is a time for everything, including this precious time of fellowship and rest. Amen.

Song of Spiritual Purpose: I Want to Thank You Lord

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Chorus x 2:

I want to thank You Lord for loving me
I give my praise to You
I want to thank You Lord for loving me
I give my praise to You

I will remember Your goodness Lord
I will remember Your kindness
You turned my sorrow to shouts of joy
You are the Lord of my life

Chorus

I will remember Your power Lord
I will remember Your mercy
I will remember You rescued me
Your love has captured my heart

Chorus x 2

I give my praise to You

Invitations

*Sage Brigade group will gather in the Fireplace Room at a bring your own brown bag lunch this coming Thursday, September 16, at noon. Some sandwich makings will be available.

*Crafters group hoping to reform. If interested, please reach out to Kathy Sasowsky whose contact information is in Friday's e-mail newsletter.

Benediction