

COMMUNITY SONG

*'Love, Love, Love'
Love, love, love, love,
People this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself,
For God loves all.*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN:

God's House

Ann-Marie Illsley

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

O God, we have lived too long in our trespasses. We are quick to blame and slow to forgive. We are quick to regret and slow to reform. Have mercy on us. Call us to new lives of compassion and kindness. Help us endure hard times by your unending grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SONG

'WOYAYA'

Murray Kidd, Sylvia Berry, Dale Munsch, Ann-Marie Illsley

Loughy Amoa, Solomon Amarfio, Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson, and Mac Tontoh.

We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within.
And we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.

It will be hard we know,
And the road will be muddy and rough,

But we'll get there, Heaven knows how we will get there
But we know we will. Woyaya, woyaya.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

Setting by Joseph Gelineau

Refrain: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

Refrain

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt. Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Refrain

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on God's word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than sentry for daybreak. Let the sentry count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

Refrain

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed God will redeem from all its iniquity.

Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

7 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:

Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

SCRIPTURE READING John 11:1-45, excerpts

HOMILY Rev. Katrina Clinton

PASTORAL PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SONG ‘Lord of the Dance’ Shaker Melody, arr. Sydney Carter

BENEDICTION Rev. Mary Perry

CLOSING MUSIC Adagio in C major for Glass Harmonica, K. 617a

W.A. Mozart Sylvia Berry, fortepiano