

MYC 2017 ALPHA WORSHIP

disruptive peace

THURSDAY

Entrance Video:

<https://youtu.be/CmDcWr1yqCc>

Processional Music:

This too shall pass - Tyler Stenson

Call to Worship

Prayer

by Langston Hughes

Gather up
in the arms of your pity
the sick, the depraved,
the desperate, the tired
all of the scum
of our weary city.

Gather up
in the arms of your pity.
Gather up
in the arms of your love,
those who expect
no love from above.

Tonight, we are the ones who have been gathered once again
for worship and witness,
to practice in here how God would have us live out there.

Across the barriers that divide us,
Reconcile us, O Christ.

Across the barriers that divide race from race,
Reconcile us, O Christ.

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor,
Reconcile us, O Christ.

Across the barriers that divide denominations and traditions,
Reconcile us, O Christ.

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures,
Reconcile us, O Christ.

Across the barriers that divide young from old,
Reconcile us, O Christ.

Reconcile us, O Christ, in the most faithful of ways.
Reconcile us to awareness and action.
Reconcile us to care and compassion.
Reconcile us to wholeness and holiness.
Reconcile us to work and witness.

Across the barriers that divide us,
Reconcile us, O Christ.

Music: 10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman

Call to Confession

Now let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let us pray together, saying:

Prayer of Confession

God, hear our confession:
We don't always know what to do.
You tell us, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth,"
but then you raise your voice and turn over tables.
There is a time for everything, but we admit:
we don't always know what time it is.

We talk when we should listen,
and we stay silent when the world needs to hear our voice.

We worm our way into other people's business,
but we fail to take responsibility for one another's needs.

We don't always respect our elders or do as we are taught.
We respect our elders and do as we are taught when we should disrupt the peace.

There is a time for everything, but we admit:
we don't always know what time it is.
Teach us.
Give us your wisdom,
and grant us grace and perseverance when we get it wrong.

Hear us, O God, as we pray.

Assurance of God's Grace

People of God, remember this:
to admit that we get it wrong sometimes
is to declare that we trust that God is not done with us,
or done with this world.
It means we believe today can be better than yesterday,
and tomorrow can be better than today,
and we can be better, too.

That's the love of God.
It takes us as we are ... but also refuses to leave us that way.
Remember that you are loved.
Remember your baptism:
 You are a child of God.
 A child of the covenant.
 You are claimed by love, in order to share love.

By the grace of God, all this,
and endless more,
is possible.
Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

The Good News of being claimed by love in order to share love...
The Good News of being forgiven and being people of hope...
That Good News simply does not allow us to sit idly by.
It does not allow us to sit still —
that kind of Good News requires us to get up, give thanks, and share peace.

Let us do exactly that:
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Music:
What does the Lord Require of You

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21

Sermon: Disruptive Peace

Prayers of the People through Pictures

Pictures:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B0kNVcOAxOCqcDUtT1Q2MHNVaFk?usp=sharing>

As we pray tonight — we pray with our eyes wide open,
open to the faces and places and images of all creation longing to know God's peace.
Let us pray:

God of all people and all places —
you are the God of waters that roll down like justice,
and you are the God of desert wilderness.
You are the God of reunited families and fatted calves,
and you are the God of broken relationships and war-torn lands —
which is to say, O God,
that there is nowhere your love does not reach
and no person outside of your grace.

So tonight, we offer our prayers for all your people,
those of here in this room,
and all those outside, as well,
trusting that while we could not even count them,
you know them all by name.

We pray for your people who go to bed hungry every night —

disrupt their hunger, O God, and fill their bellies with food, and their hearts with your peace.

We pray for your people who have to bed to curl up in when night falls —

disrupt their displacement, O God. Give them shelter, and give them peace.

We pray for your people who fear for their safety —

disrupt their fear, O God. Comfort them with your presence and your peace.

We pray for those who are sick, O God, those who have placed their hope in medications or
patience, those who have placed their bodies in the hands of doctors and nurses, those who
now, in the end, have placed their trust in the resurrection —

disrupt their pain, O God, with your healing power and your gentle peace.

We pray for all those who need you to disrupt life as they know it, O God, even if we do not
know the details —

We pray for our planet, O God, the home you created for us, and placed in our safekeeping—

disrupt its decline, O God, and instill in us a sense of reverence and awe, an appreciation of responsibility and knowledge, a desire to prevent and protect. Grant peace to the place that invites us to run and jump and swim and climb, to rest and relax, to build and plant, to do all the things that living creatures do.

And last, but certainly not least, O God, we pray for an end. We pray for an end to racism and terrorism. We pray for an end to classism and sexism.

disrupt these dangerous ways, O God, and us bring your stubborn, determined, righteous peace ... and do not let it leave us, not until the day your kingdom comes.

Trusting in that day, and, despite all evidence to the contrary, believing that it is on its way, we pray the way Jesus taught us:

Music:

Let Justice Flow Down

Benediction