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SUMMER WORSHIP!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

*Not anyone who says, "I'm going to be careful and smart in matters of love," who says, "I'm going to choose slowly,"
but only those lovers who didn't choose at all
but were, as it were, chosen by something invisible and powerful and uncontrollable and beautiful and possibly even
unsuitable — only those know what I'm talking about
in this talking about love.*

Mary Oliver

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Holy, Holy, Holy #315 VU, v.1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of Ruth and Naomi, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah,

People: God made known to us in Jesus: we gather together,

Leader: opening ourselves to you, and the wonder of your welcome.

People: Here we are free to rest and remember;

Leader: to question and hope;

People: to wrestle with stories and revel in promise.

Leader: And so we begin, by joining our voices in the way of our Brother Jesus, saying:

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, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN # 226 VU For The Beauty Of The Earth (alt tune #81)**

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 24

SERMON: *How Love Rode In On Camels And Changed Everything*

***HYMN # 399 VU God, Whose Love Is Reigning verses 1,3, and 5**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: The Doxology #541 VU

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

praise God, all creatures high and low,

**give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 484 VU God The All Holy**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: May the God of Hope Go With Us (#424 VU)**

**May the God of Hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful, when we hear Christ's call.**