

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY –DAILY CHAPEL

Sunday, August 11, 2019, 7pm – Online All-Community worship

GATHERING

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths will proclaim your praise.

*Song of Adoration: *Our Hearts Are Restless Until They Rest in You*



We sing your worth, God of life, our Cre - a - tor,
We hear your voice from the dis - tance of hea - ven,
We wor - ship you as the world's Li - ber - a - tor;
We cel - e - brate our new life___ in the Spir - it,



old - er than time is, and young - er than life.
high - er than hope, and yet clos - er than breath:
strong - er than sor - row and dee - per than death;
freed and for - giv - en, re - deemed and re - stored;



Your Word called all things to form___ out of noth - ing,
Wis - dom and sto - ry your prom - ise of pres - ence,
Com - ing in love to your bro - ken cre - a - tion,
Marked with the sign of the One___ who has ris - en,



You spoke the Word, turn - ing dark - ness to light.
Wat - er - ing Word, to re - new and re - fresh.
All of the world lift - ed up in your flesh.
born of One Fa - ther, one fam' - ly One Lord.



You have made us for Your - self,___ and our



hearts are rest - less un - til they beat with yours. ___



And our souls are rest - less un - til they rest in you.

PRaise

A Litany of Praise

Leader:

O Lord, the world is yours, and all things in it speak
— each in their own way—of you:

of your mind,

your designs,

your artistry,

your power,

your unfolding purpose.

All knowledge is your knowledge.

All wisdom your wisdom.

Everyone:

Giver of Knowledge,

We prepare this day to apply ourselves to learning,

grateful that all created things are your creative expression,

that all stories are held within your greater story.

We praise you for being at work in our hearts in all circumstances

as we prepare to listen and discern in and as community.

Professors:

O Author of Wisdom,

you have blessed us with passion for the subjects we teach.

You've made us mentors who take joy

in awakening a fierce love

for those parts of your creation and your story

that we have already learned to love well.

We praise you for spaces and places for learning,

from our students and from each other.

Staff:

Guardian of Your people,
 You have given us calls to the management of tasks big and small,
 through organizing calendars and events
 administering the institution,
 being keepers of community—
 in-resident, distance-learning, and greater company.
 We care for these people,
 aware that our roles are acts of praise to you.

Students:

Indwelling Spirit,
 We praise you for studies that shape our knowledge of God,
 And the vision of what our place and call might be in this world.
 You show us where our own deep gladness
 and the world's deep need might meet.
 We praise you for those with whom we learn,
 and the families and all who support us here.

Families:

Christ, our brother,
 We journey with our loved ones, just as you journeyed with us.
 You give us the courage to walk with them,
 and you invite us to grow alongside them.
 We praise you for the shared bonds of love,
 that link us to them, and link us all to You.

Leader:

Giver of grace,
 We happily steward the gifts you have given each of us.
 We do so as means of preparing ourselves
 for service to you and to others.
 Our identities are drawn from your love and forgiveness.

Everyone:

God bless the labors of this new season.
We offer them to you as an act of worship.
Amen.

Prayer for Illumination: *Liphnei Torah*

Ba-ruk'h 'a - tah___ A-do - nai El - o - hei - nu___

Me - lek'h ha - o - lam___

a - sher qidd-sha - nu be - mits-vo - tav___ ve - tsi-

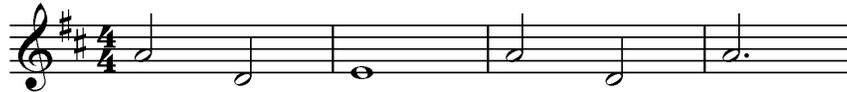
va - nu___ la' - a - soq be - div - rei To - rah.___

la' - a - soq - be - div - rei To - rah.___

Scripture Lesson: Col. 1:9-14 (NRSV)

Meditation: *The End of Theological Education* Felix Theonograha

***Song of Response: Fill Us, Lord**



Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord,
 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord.
 Brace us, Lord. Brace us, Lord.
 Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord!



As God's will we know, may our wis - dom grow.
 To live lives that please, bear - ing fruit of peace,
 With your glor - ious pow'r in our try - ing hour
 You have made us right; we are saints of light



Come and fill our lives, O Lord.
 Lead us in your love, O Lord.
 Make us strong for you, O Lord.
 We give thanks to you, O Lord.

PRAYER

Prayers of the People

For petitions:

ONE: We lift this prayer to the Lord

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For praise:

ONE: We lift this praise to the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer concludes with:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

***Closing Praise:**

(sung as above)

You are the Way to the end of our journey,
 You are the Truth who is leading us on;
 Pilgrims in search of our own resurrection,
 You are the Life who is calling us home.

You have made us for Yourself.

*And our hearts are restless until they beat with yours,
 And our souls are restless until they rest in you.*

*** Benediction**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Go in peace...

A sign of peace may be exchanged by all.

NOTES

Planning: The service today was planned by Ron Rienstra

Participants: Sue Rozeboom, Rachel Klomp maker, Jackson Nickolay, Emily Ulmer, Seth Abrahamson, Jacob Helder, Miranda Craig, Andy Bast, Megan Rice, Carolann Bailey, Kathy Ehman, Keith Reynolds, Felix Theonograha.

Permissions:

- *Litany of Praise* by Rose DeKoster, adapted from *Every Moment Holy*, 2017 by Douglas Kaine McKelvey.
- *You Have Made Us For Yourself* - words and music © 2014, Doug Gay and Ron Rienstra. Used by permission. CCLI License #691308.
- *Liphnei Torah* - words from traditional Hebrew prayer; music by Noah McLaren © 2015, Used by permission.
- *Fill Us, Lord* – music © 2007 Greg Scheer; words © 2019, Ron Rienstra from Col. 1:9-14. Used by permission.

NOTE: Western Theological Seminary records our chapel services for instructional purposes.