

LIGHT IN DEEPEST NIGHT

A Lenten Meditation Based on the Writings of Julian of Norwich



Prelude: Chorale Prelude on ERHALT UNS, HERR

Welcome and Announcements

Julia A. Carlson

Choir Procession:

Faith, be our light in deepest night, Spirit of Good, our endless day. Blest be your holy trinity. You are the goodness of all things.

Opening Hymn: Oh, Love How Deep

DEO GRACIAS



Reading From Julian:

Linda Lane

Our good Lord put a question to me:
Are you well satisfied that I suffered for you?
I said: Yes, good Lord, all my thanks to you
blessed may you be.
Then Jesus our good Lord said:
If you are satisfied...I am satisfied.
It is a joy, a bliss, an endless delight to me that ever I suffered my Passion for you,
and if I could suffer more
I should.
I would for the love of you
die...so often

paying no heed to my cruel pains.

Reading from Julian:

Janice Dickinson

With a kindly countenance our good Lord looked into his side...and gazed with joy. He drew my understanding into his side: and there revealed a fair and delectable place, large enough for all mankind that will be saved in peace and in love. And with this our good Lord said most joyfully: See how I love you...as if he had said, My darling, behold and see your Lord, your God, who is your Creator and your endless joy; your own brother and your savior; my child behold and see what delight and bliss I have in your salvation and for my love...rejoice with me.

Anthem: Living Prayer

Allison Eckberg, Alto Solo

Make my life a living prayer. May I flourish in your sight. Make my life a living prayer.

Where there is truth and wisdom, there is love.

I am known to you in times of sickness. I am known to you in times of feebleness. I am known to you in times of darkness. I am known to you in times of loneliness. You are endless truth, endless wisdom.

Love beyond all fear.

Meditation: Greater Are You

David L. Miller

Anthem: Lead Us Into Fullness of Joy

Lead us into fullness of joy. You are our hope for endless bliss.

Be our keeper.

By love you made us. In love you shape us. Through love preserve us.

For love intendus.

Blessing from Julian:

Linda Lane

The reason we are oppressed by our sins and pain, impatience and despair is because of our ignorance of love. It is about this knowledge that we are most blind, for many women and men believe that God is almighty and may do everything, and that God is all wisdom and can do everything, but that God is all love and wishes to do everything, that is where they fail. And it is this that most hinders them. For it is God's will that we have most confidence in his delight and his love. Just so God wishes us to forget our sins and all our depression and all our doubtful fears.

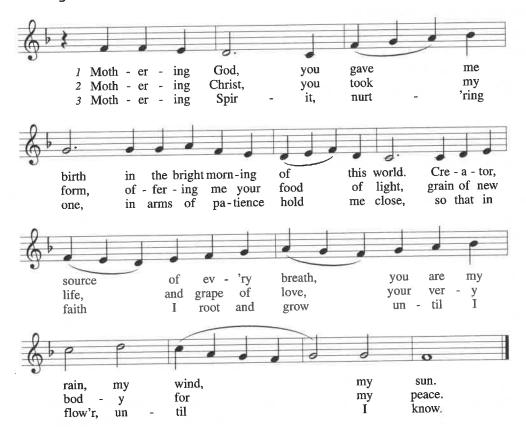
God wants us always to be strong in our love and peaceful and restful as he is toward us.

Christ, all life,

lift us to the joyous freedom of the life you are in us.

Amen.

Hymn: Mothering God, You Gave Us Birth



Meditation: One Hand

David L. Miller

Anthem: God Our Father, Christ Our Mother

God our Father, Christ our Mother, Father guides as Mother nurtures. Father, font of every being, Mother Christ, the heart of mercy. Spirit give us grace abundant.

Spirit grant us peace and comfort. Mother Jesus grant us peace and joy. Bear us to your heav'nly bliss.

Mother Jesus, love's fair grace, Lay us gently on your breast. Grant us through your open side, Blessed life and endless love.

Mother fair, no kinder name, Mother Jesus still the same. Love unchanging ever near to us. Guard us safe to heaven's bliss.

SCHMÜCKE DICH

Janice Dickinson

Prayer from Julian:

God almighty, loving father, Christ all wisdom, loving mother, with the love and goodness of the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord.

In our creation and your incarnation, you joined and united vourself with us.

In union with you, we are your true spouse and beloved wife with whom you are never displeased.

For you say to us, 'I love you, and you love me, and our love will never divide in two.

Grant that our hearts may constantly abide in your loving union that we may delight, praise, thank and endlessly rejoice in Christ, our savior and tender mother, who with you and the Holy Spirit are endless love and eternal delight. Amen.

Anthem: Sweet Light

Sweet light from Jesus' face, Shining clear, shining bright, We do not fear the coming night, Keep our hearts in purest light. Eternal day shines in your face, Where we rest, safe in grace. We rise and fall in your eternal day Touched by your gracious hand, Our life, our love, our light.

Sweet light from Jesus' face, Shining clear, shining bright, We do not fear the coming night, Lead us through this passing life.

Hymn: O Trinity, O Blessed Light

DUKE STREET



Meditation: Verbish

David L. Miller

Offertory Anthem: Chaconne

God our maker, God our keeper, God our lover, God our wisdom, God our endless joy.

Julia A. Carlson

Blessing from Julian:

Our faith is a light, shining in us from God, from our Father's endless day.

In that light, our Mother, Christ, and our good Lord the Holy Spirit lead us in this passing life.

It is present to us in our need in the night.

By God's mercy and grace, we willingly know and believe in our light, walking in it wisely and mightily.

And at the end of our woe, suddenly our eyes will be opened, and in the clearness of our sight our light will be full, which light is God, our Creator, Father and the Holy Spirit,

in Christ Jesus our savior.

Christ, all light,

radiance of God's endless day,

be our light in darkness night.

Sung Response:



Closing Prayer adapted from Julian:

Christ almighty, all motherly, all wisdom, all love,

be our rest, our home, our joy, our light and life.

You are our clothing, love enfolding, all possessing, love surrounding all that we are.

You embrace and grace our lives, for you are all that is good and the good of all that is.

Through love you made us, in love preserve us.

From deepest eternity you know and hold us.

Grant our hearts true knowledge of you that we may rest strong in the certainty that all is well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things will be well,

for all rests in you who are that love that never wanes and never will.

Amen.

David L. Miller



Benediction from Julian:

Many times we desire to know, what is our Lord's meaning

in this thing?

Know it well, love is God's meaning.

Who reveals it to you? Love.

What does he reveal to you? Love.

Why does God reveal it to you? For love.

God has made everything for love and through the same love it is preserved.

Remain in this, and you will know more of the same.

But you will never know different, without end. For

before God make us he loved us, and this love has

never abated and never will.

Christ, all love,

face of the Father's eternal goodness,

clothe us in the love you are. Amen.

Postlude: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

David L. Miller

Children's Ministry Today:

Nursery: Infants – PreK | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8 • Kindergarten–Grade 5 enjoy worship with their adults in the Sanctuary.

Service Participants:

Text Adaptation and Meditations: David L. Miller
Music and Organist: Aaron David Miller
Choirmaster: Matthew Culloton
Choir School Director: Sofia Ardalan
Violinists: Jill Olson Moser and Zachary Saathoff

The House of Hope Motet Choir:

SOPRANOS: Beth Althof*, Hannah Armstrong*, Judith Foley, Signe Ilstrup, Lynda Jorgenson, Kristina MacKenzie, Peggy Radio, Linda Smith, Linda Trouten, Rebecca White, Yojin Yoon ALTOS: Krista Costin*, Allison Eckberg*, Deb James, Stacia Hilmar, Laura Merriam, Cindy Messer, Barbara Molstad, Lezlie Nelson, Julie Schramke TENORS: Tyler Berg*, Andrew Collins, Phil Jorgenson, David Lower*, David Pearson, Fred Skarich, Patrick Smith, Bruce Trouten BASSES: Gordon Anderson, Ben Behler, Timothy Bruett*, Samuel Eckberg*, Ben MacKenzie, Seung Joo Yoon *denotes Section Leader*

The House of Hope Choir School:

Evan Bergstrom, Nora Bolsoni, Christa Feldbrugge, Harrison Feldbrugge, Alexander MacAskill, Margot Mack, Lars Osteraas, Leah Shipp, Julian Simpson, Clara Thompson, Zora Vorhes

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of James Patrick Adams.



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The House of Hope Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Church.

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House of Hope Choir School

Contact Sofia Ardalan: Sofia A@hohchurch.org

The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18.

Contact Sofia Ardalan, Choir School Director, for more information and to register.

If you ordered Easter Flowers, pick up at HOH is on April 13, 3:30-6 p.m. at the Porte Cochère.

Thank you for your support!

Children, Youth

& Family Ministry



Children and Family Ministry — Contact Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org

In-Person Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

- Nursery: Infants PreK | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8
- Kindergarten-Grade 5 enjoy worship with their adults in the Sanctuary.

Virtual Sunday School — **March 20, 2022** | **11:30 a.m.** | **Zoom** Children, grades 5 and younger, are invited to join us for a time of faith formation via stories, artwork, and prayer.

Youth and Family Ministry — Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson: DanMN@hohchurch.org

Middle School Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Room 1 Students between grades 6-8 are invited to come together to hear and explore Bible stories every week.

The SUMMIT Youth Group | Sunday, March 20 | 7 p.m. | Great Hall

The SUMMIT is a place for students between grades 6-12 to gather and explore beloved Christian community in a safe and fun atmosphere. Looking ahead: Youth Sunday is May 8. We will conclude our lessons on "Storytelling" at the SUMMIT, and move into worship planning, and students are invited to join this planning and help make worship their own. Students grade 6-12 are invited to participate, and Seniors are invited to preach.



This Week at House of Hope

March 20 - 27, 2022

Today's Adult Enrichment:

Love Enfolding with David L. Miller and Aaron David Miller | 11:15 a.m.

The voice of Christian mystic Julian of Norwich continues to echo through the centuries, inviting us to find joy and freedom in the endless goodness of God, who holds all we are in the boundless love from which we are never separated. Living in this love, we experience the bliss God intends for us and come to know 'all is well and all shall be well.' We will read and reflect on brief excerpts from Julian's *Showings of Divine Love* to deepen our awareness of the Love who never lets us go. Excerpts sung and read in the morning service, *Light in Deepest Night*, will be included in the presentation.

David L. Miller is an author, spiritual director, and retreat leader who has written hundreds of articles and devotions for a variety of publications. His books include, *Friendship with Jesus: A Way to Pray the Gospel of Mark* and *God Frees and Redeems*. He blogs at praying themystery.blogspot.com.

Sunday, March 20, 2022 - Music Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Infants - Pre-K, Rm 8

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Great Hall

11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room

11:30 a.m. Zoom Kids Sunday School

7 p.m. The SUMMIT Youth Group, Great Hall

Monday, March 21, 2022

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour

6 p.m. A.A., Great Hall

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Tuesday, March 22, 2022

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Cafe

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Library
4:00 p.m. Choir School, East Wing and Sanctuary
6:45 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Youth Room
7 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Rm and Sanctuary

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7 a.m Men's Breakfast Group, Louisiana Cafe
9 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, Zoom
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Group Coalition, Zoom

Friday, March 25, 2022

8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Zoom

9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom

Sunday, March 27, 2022

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour

1:15 a.m. Pre-Ireland Pilgrimage Gathering, Room 17 p.m. The SUMMIT Youth Group, Great Hall

For more listings of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website: hohchurch.org