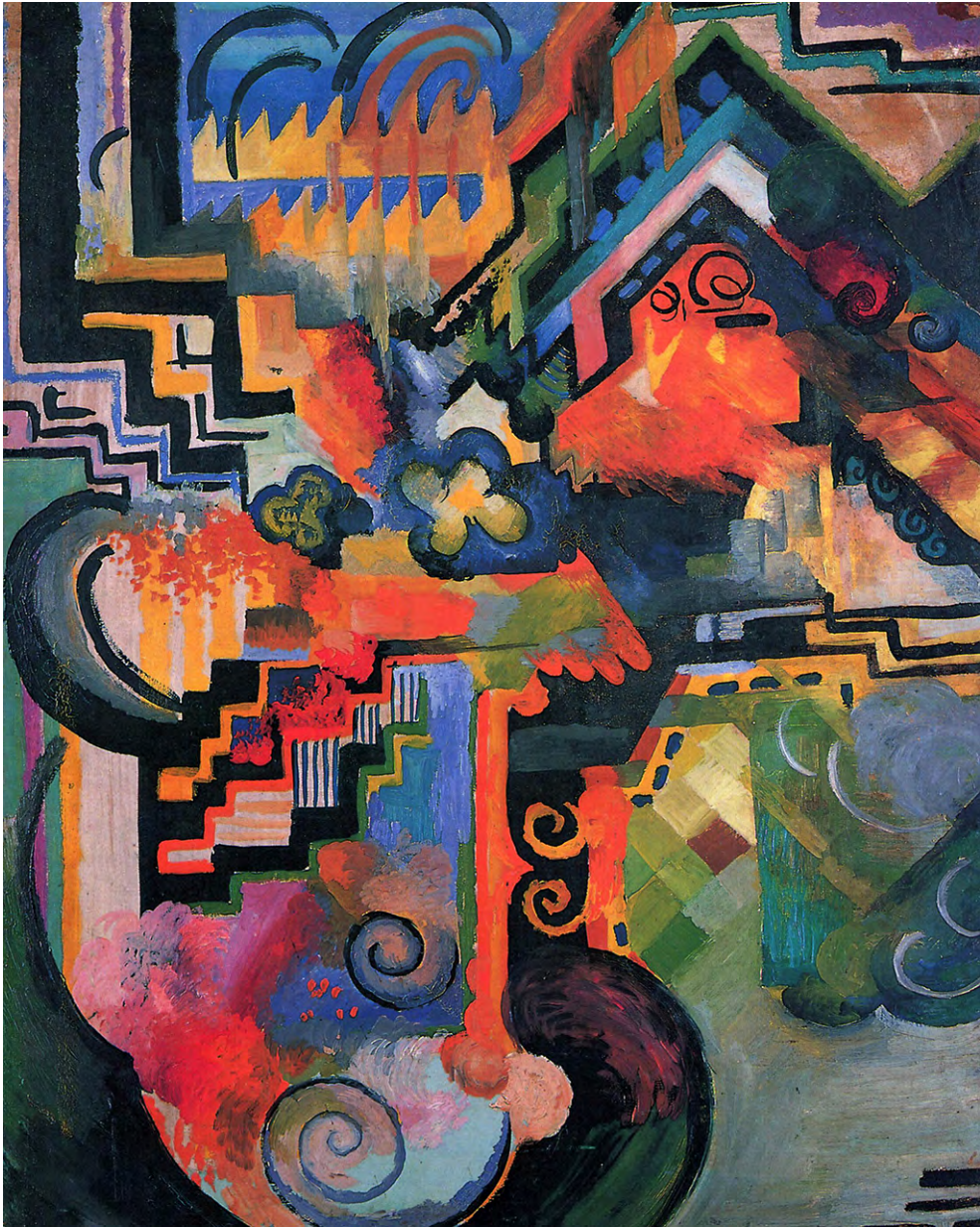




Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Bryce Shelton

Centering Silence

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

One: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,

All: The tired and aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

One: Gather us in, the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering,

All: The puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

One: Gather us in, the bright and the bustling, the stirrers and the shakers,

All: The kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

One: Gather us in to meet, to eat, to be given a seat,

All: We are joined to the vine, we are offered new wine,

One: We have become like the least,

All: We are found at the feast. Gather us in!

+Congregational Song

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
No. 507

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Scripture Reading — Acts 10:34-43

Amanda Hines

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how God went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Message

Amanda Hines

Communion

James Dolph

One: The Lord is here.

All: God’s Spirit is with us.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: God, we remember the Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed.

He took bread, broke it and said:

All: This is my body, broken for you.

One: And in the same way he took the cup, saying:

All: This is my blood, shed for you.

One: We proclaim that we do not live on bread alone, but by the Word Made Flesh:

All: Jesus, the Bread of Life.

One: The daily presence of Jesus in our lives is our sustenance,

All: Jesus, the Living Water.

One: We take this bread and cup in communion with our siblings

All: In remembrance of Christ.

One: Christ, the Word of God, spoken to us; Christ alive and present with us...

All: Christ, our daily bread.

Music for Meditation

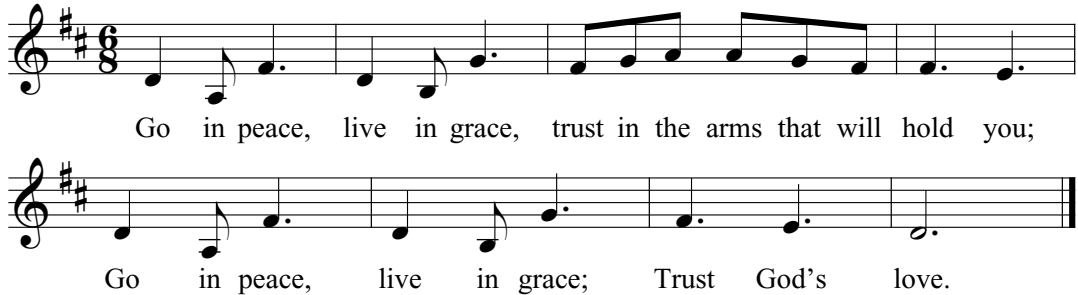
Love Which Knows No End
Lyles West and Cay Carner

Peter Ellis/Lyles West

Sending

Amanda Hines

Traveling Mercies Billy Crockett/arr. Kurt Kaiser



Benediction

Amanda Hines

One: God our maker, we honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.

All: May the guardian in you protect us. May the child in you delight in us.

One: May the friend in you challenge us. May your ashes resurrect us.

All: May your sky shelter us. May the mystery of you liberate us.

One: Provide abundance and healing in all forms to those who need it today.
And deliver us from shame, hatred, and the chains that bind us.

All: For you have made us, and we are still being made. Amen.



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