

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Westberg Symposium  
“Opening Doors to Wholeness”  
Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, Missouri  
Sunday, September 27, 2009  
10:45 a.m.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**



For all your creatures, in all your creatures, we praise you.  
We give you thanks for the sun, the moon and the stars,  
for the air we breathe and the land that nourishes us.  
And most of all, in each other, for each other,  
we thank and praise you, the Lord of Creation.

*Francis of Assisi*

**Prelude**

Donita Bauer

**\* Call to Worship**

Helen Wordsworth

Leader: Come, all who are filled with God’s Spirit,  
and bless the Name of the One who gives life and purpose.

**People: Come, all who are made in the image of God,  
let us lift our hands in praise.**

Leader: Come, all who are called by God to serve in love,  
and lift up your hearts in quiet prayer.

**People: Come, all people of the Most Holy One,  
let us lift our voices in song.**

**Unison: Let us praise and bless God together.**

**\* Hymn of Praise “Spirit of Love”**

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Tune: PERFECT LOVE 11.10.11.10, Joseph Barnby, 1889.*

Spirit of love, you move within creation,  
Drawing the threads to color and design;  
Life into life, you knit our true salvation,  
Come, work with us, and weave us into one.

Though we have frayed the fabric of your making,  
Tearing away from all that you intend,  
Yet, to be whole, humanity is aching—  
Come, work with us, and weave us into one.

Great loom of God, where history is woven,  
You are the frame that holds us to the truth,  
Love is the theme, the pattern you have given –  
Come, work with us, and weave us into one.



\* **A Litany of Healing and Hope**

Deborah Patterson

One: The Prophet Isaiah speaks to a people who long for healing and hope:

“Now, this is what the Lord says--God who created you, O Jacob, God who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)

**All: We were not created by fear. We were created by love.  
We were not created TO fear. We were created to love.**

One: Jesus of Nazareth speaks to a people who long for healing and hope:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**All: For theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn,

**All: For they shall be comforted.**

One: Blessed are the meek,

**All: For they shall inherit the earth.**

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**All: For they will be filled.**

One: Blessed are the merciful,

**All: For they will receive mercy.**

One: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**All: For they will see God.” (Matthew 5:3-8)**

One: When did the pure in heart see God? The King will answer, “I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.” (from Matthew 25:35-40)

**All: We were not created in isolation. We were created in relationship.  
We were not created FOR isolation. We were created for relationship.**

One: The Apostle Paul speaks to a people who long for healing and hope:

“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure,  
Whatever is lovely, whatever is excellent, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received  
And heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”  
(Philippians 4:8-9)

**All: We were not created in despair. We were created out of hope.**

**We were not created TO despair. We were created to hope.**

One: God still speaks to us today, as we long for healing and hope....

**A Time of Prayer**

Helen Wordsworth

**Scripture Readings**

Deborah Patterson

*Romans 15:32 “By God’s will, may I come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.” and Romans 8:13 “If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.”*

**Sermon – “Opening Doors to a Sacred World for You”**

Patricia Magyar

**Special Music – “The Lord’s Prayer”**

Albert Hay Mallotte

Guest Soloist: Rev. Tom Doherty Accompanist: Ms. Donita Bauer

**\* AFFIRMATION AND CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY**

Leader: Parish nursing is a ministry...

**All: ...to which one is called by the yearnings of one’s heart,  
by the will of the people of God,  
and by the purposes and promises of God.**

Leader: Healing and wholeness...

**All: ...is a way of being in relationship with our bodies, minds, and spirits,  
with our neighbors and creation,  
and with our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
and is woven through all the seasons of our lives.**

Leader: We pledge to support our mutual journeys...

**All: ...as we seek God and care for God’s people  
in the specialty practice and ministry of parish nursing  
and through the daily practice of prayer.**

Leader: We pledge to sustain our personal journeys...

**All: ...as we seek the friendship and support of others in ministry,  
as we care for our own bodies, minds, and spirits, and loved ones,  
and as we stay in close relationship with God,  
from whom all good gifts are given.**

Leader: Bless us this day...

**All: ...as we commit ourselves anew to ministries of healing and wholeness  
that our professional lives may bring life  
to those with whom we work, and for whom we care.  
Now and forevermore. Amen.**

**Sharing of Parting Gift**

Deborah Patterson

**\* Closing Hymn: “Into Your Sacred World”**

*Words: Deborah L. Patterson, c. 2008*

*Music: TERRA BEATA, S.M.D., Traditional English Melody*

Into your sacred world we are not born alone.  
With birds and trees, we all are free to name Creation “Home.”  
We have a precious trust on this majestic sphere:  
Clean water, air, and bread to share with all whose lives are here.

We struggle to prevail o’er nature, nations, pain.  
Yet we are lost, remain storm-tossed, until we hear again  
Your soundings for our lives and find your healing streams.  
Lead us to view your shores anew and sanctify our dreams.

As we depart this world, God, let our souls give voice  
To love fulfilled, as you have willed, and let our young rejoice  
That we have left afresh their legacy of birth.  
With sky and sea, may we all be a blessing to the earth.

**Closing Benediction**

Deborah Patterson & Helen Wordsworth

**Postlude**

\* Would all who are able, please stand.

**Participants**

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