



Welcome to the Congregational Church on Mercer Island

We strive to be a forward-looking community.

Where God is all-loving and inclusive.

Where people are welcomed and accepted as they are.

Where our minds are nourished as much as our souls.

Where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary.

Where together we grow a just and peaceful world.

**ALL HYMNS INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS
BULLETIN**

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Yuan Zhou

Introit

Abide With Me

Arr. Molly L James

Call to Worship

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

We come with our questions, our fears, and our hopes.

In God's presence, there is room for all of who we are.

We trust that love meets us here.

Jesus calls us into a way of life; a way of compassion, courage, and connection.

We come to walk that way together.

In God's house, there are many dwelling places.

There is room for us, and room for all.

Come, let us worship the One who is love, who makes a home among us, and who leads us on the path of life.

We open our hearts. We seek the way. We worship God.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Opening Hymn

verses 1, 3, 5

All Are Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Hymn

#490 v 1, 2, 3, 5

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Scripture Reading

John 14: 1-14

Read by Carol Sanders

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The

words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Reading Quote from Author and Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor:

“The work of God is not to rescue us from the world, but to show us how to live in it.”
Read by Carol Sanders

Sermon “The Way Is Wide” Rev. Jennifer Castle

Anthem O Love Elaine Hagenberg

Prayers and Communion Prayer

Holy One beyond all Names, Eternal Wellspring, may love rise again in us today with food for every table, shelter for every family, and reverence for every life. Forgive us our failings in love and free us from all falseness, that the light of our souls may shine, and the strength of our spirits endure, for Earth and all its people this day, tonight, and forever. Amen

Communion Music Arise My Love and Come Away Mark Hayes

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for meeting us at this table with grace and peace. You have fed us with the love of Christ and reminded us that your way is a way of welcome, healing, and hope. Send us now to live what we have received: to walk in your way, to share your peace, and to make room for others as you have made room for us. When our hearts are troubled, hold us in your promise of presence and love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn #431 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Blessing Rev. Jennifer Castle

Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays, 2:00 pm on Zoom – Bible Study via Zoom
Thursdays, 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal – ALL WELCOME
Thursdays, 10:30 am until April 30 – Women’s Bible Study

April 26, 11:30 am – Sandwich Making (Operation Nightwatch)

May 2, 8:30 am – Men’s Breakfast
May 3, 10:30 am -Communion
May 9, 9:00 am – Women’s Breakfast
May 17, 10:30 am – Scout Sunday
May 17, 11:30 am – Congregational Meeting & Land Sale Vote
May 18. 7:00 pm – Council Meeting
May 20, 8:30 am – Book Talk with Suzanne via Zoom
May 20, 7:00 pm – Wild Church
May 24, 11:30 am - Sandwich Making (Operation Nightwatch)

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE UPSTAIRS

Bring your children up, we’d love to look after them during worship!

To make a gift to the church, scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone and you will be directed to the appropriate link on the church website. Thank you!



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Descant (verse 5):



5. Let us build so all are named,

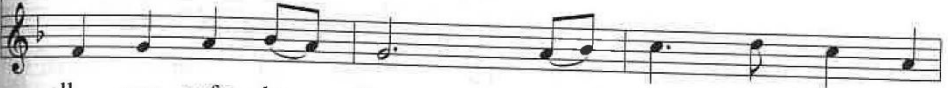
Melody:



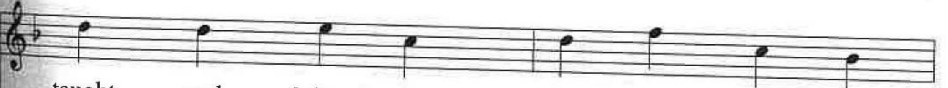
- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
- 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
- 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
- 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



their songs and vi - sions heard,



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



taught and claimed As words with - in the



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of

Prayers and songs of grace, Let this
 faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this

house pro - claim from floor to raft - er;
 love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions;
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, wel - come
 All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come

in this place. *Last time* ☺
 in this place. *Last time* ☺

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

1. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, bro - ther,
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low
 3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you
 4. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall
 5. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, sis - ter,

1. let me walk with you; pray that I may
 2. trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to
 3. laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your
 4. find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've
 5. let me walk with you; pray that I may

1. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 2. help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 3. joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney thro'.
 4. known to - geth - er of great love and ag - o - ny.
 5. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.


WORDS: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.
 MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. A. Eugene Ellsworth, 1994

THE SERVANT SONG
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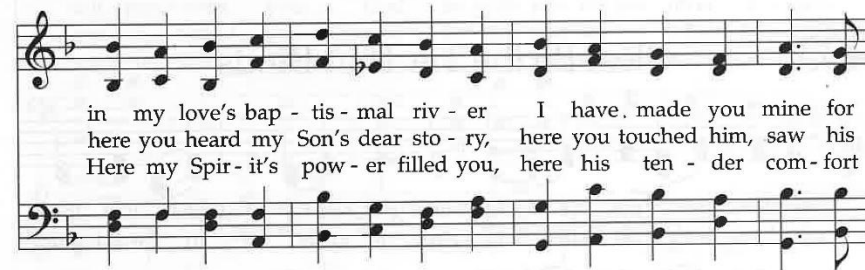
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 431



1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
 2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure,
 3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;



wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;
 here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have, made you mine for
 here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort



ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.
 glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en at peace and pure.
 stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

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 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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