



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, October 11, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Yuan Zhou

Introit

Come to the Circle

Mark Burrows & Mary Rarden

Call to Worship

Rev. Jennifer Castle

We come today carrying our own joys and burdens, our own stories and concerns.

And we come remembering that we do not live for ourselves alone.

Jesus calls us to notice the people along the road—the people who are hurting, the people who are overlooked, the people whose stories we may not understand.

Open our eyes, O God, that we may truly see one another.

Give us hearts that are moved by the suffering of others, and the courage to draw near.

May we learn to love our neighbors not only in words, but in the ways we see, listen, show up, and care. Amen.

Opening Hymn

#490

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Hymn

#469

I Am the Light of the World!
(verses 2, 3, & 4)

Scripture Reading

Luke 10: 25-37

Read by Carol Sanders

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and

bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reading

Quote from *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown
Read by Carol Sanders

"Compassion is fueled by understanding and accepting that we're all made of strength and struggle - no one is immune to pain or suffering. Compassion is not a practice of 'better than' or 'I can fix you' - it's a practice based in the beauty and pain of shared humanity."

Sermon

"Becoming Compassionate"

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Anthem

The Least of These

Larry Shackley

Prayers

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

#600

Jesu, Jesu (verses 2, 3, & 5)

Blessing

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, 10:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal – ALL WELCOME

Thursdays, 10:30 am until Nov 12 – Women's Bible Study

Oct 18, after service – Sandwich Making for Operation Nightwatch

Oct 21, 8:30 am – Book Talk via Zoom

Oct 24, 10:00 am – Wild Church

Oct 25, 11:45 am – Council Meeting

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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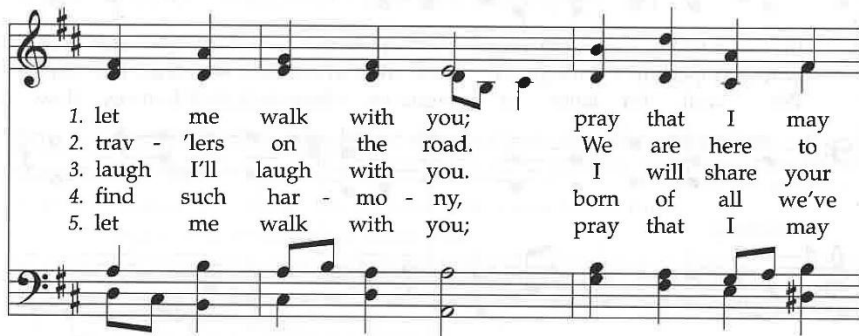
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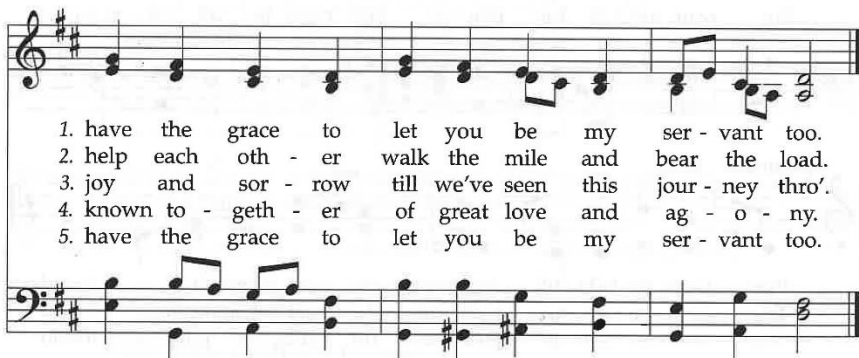
Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant



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

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I Am the Light of the World!

Unison F

First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a whole rest followed by a half note G4, then a half note F4. Bass staff has a whole note G3, then a half note F3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F (first measure), Bb (second measure), C (third measure), and F (fourth measure). The lyrics "I am the light of the world!" are written below the treble staff.

Second system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a half note G4, then a half note F4, then a half note E4. Bass staff has a whole note G3, then a half note F3, then a half note E3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Bb (first measure), C (second measure), and F (third measure). The lyrics "You peo - ple come and fol - low me!" are written below the treble staff, and "If you" is written below the bass staff.

Third system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a half note G4, then a half note F4, then a half note E4. Bass staff has a whole note G3, then a half note F3, then a half note E3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Gm (first measure), Dm (second measure), C (third measure), F (fourth measure), and Bb (fifth measure). The lyrics "fol - low and love you'll learn the mys - ter - y of" are written below the treble staff.

Fourth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a half note G4, then a half note F4, then a half note E4. Bass staff has a whole note G3, then a half note F3, then a half note E3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Gm (first measure), C (second measure), and F (third measure). The lyrics "what you were meant to do and be." are written below the treble staff. The word "Fine" is written above the treble staff at the end of the system.

WORDS: Jim Strathdee, 1969, in response to a Christmas poem
by Howard Thurman
MUSIC: Jim Strathdee, 1969

LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Irr.

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1. When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the
 2. To find the lost and lone-ly one, to
 3. To free the pris-'ner from all chains, to
 4. To bring hope to ev-'ry task you do, to

star in the sky is gone, when the
 heal the bro-ken soul with love, to
 make the pow-er-ful care, to
 dance at a ba-by's new birth, to

ma-gi and the shep-herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun-gry chil-dren with warmth and good food, to
 re-build the na-tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu-sic in an old per-son's heart, and

work of Christ-mas is be-gun:
 feel the earth be-low, the sky a-bove!
 see God's chil-dren ev-'ry-where!
 sing to the col-ors of the earth!

Jesu, Jesu

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Refrain (Unison)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them. *D.C.*
 2. race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin, 1969

MUSIC: Ghana folk song; arr. Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

CHEREPONI

Irr. w. refrain

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