

May 19, 2024|  
Worship Guide

*Sing to Yahweh a new song; sing to  
Yahweh, all the earth.  
(Psalm 96:1)*

Welcome

Rev. Ann Willet

Opening Song

*Arise and Celebrate*

FESTAL SONG

Words by Jann-Aldredge Clanton &  
Music by William Henry Walter

***Arise and celebrate; the truth has set us free,  
for Christ Sophia helps us be all we are  
meant to be.***

***As partners let us join in setting people free;  
With Christ Sophia we can bring true  
equality.***

***Together we will work that justice all may  
know;  
In Christ Sophia all are one, a peaceful way  
we show.***

***We rise to celebrate our liberating call;  
With Christ Sophia we can bring the Good  
News unto all.***

Invitation to Worship

Dr. Kendra Weddle

We are rising up together, calling out for freedom!

**Listening to Holy Wisdom, we will work for peace.**

We are crying out with children, crying out for safety!

**Listening to Holy Wisdom, we will stand against violence, we will be instruments of healing.**

We are claiming our power, claiming our wisdom!

**Listening to Holy Wisdom, we will put action to our faith. We are working for healing; working for peace and justice to increase.**

Children's Lesson

Jen Hanson

Prayer

Rev. Ann Willet

Our Common Prayer

Rev. Ann Willet

**Our Mother who is within us  
we celebrate your many names.**

**Your wisdom come.**

**Your will be done,**

**unfolding from the depths within us.**

**Each day you give us all that we need.**

**You remind us of our limits  
and we let go.**

**You support us in our power  
and we act with courage.**

**For you are the dwelling place within us  
the empowerment around us  
and the celebration among us  
now and forever. Amen**

## Scripture

Acts 2:1-4

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*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

A Conversational Sermon: Rev. Dr. Jann Aldredge-Clanton and Dr. Kendra Weddle

Inclusive Hymns for Liberating  
Christians

Song One:

*Creator God of Many Names*

ALDREDGE-CLANTON

**Refrain: O Father - Mother, friend to all, Sophia, Ruah, Guide**

***In many names you come and call, In  
many names abide.***

Song Two

*Gently Shaddai Comes  
Healing Wounded Hearts*  
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***Gently Shaddai comes healing  
wounded hearts;  
Abundant hope and comfort she  
imparts.  
She holds us close through every pain  
and grief,  
Calming our fears and bringing deep  
relief.***

***Gently Shaddai comes giving loving  
care,  
With tender power every burden  
shares.  
She fully nurtures every weary soul;  
As we drink deeply, we are strong and  
whole.***

***Freely Shaddai pours blessings on the  
earth;  
Through night and day She brings new  
life to birth.  
She fills the world with beauty  
everywhere,  
With overflowing gifts for all to share.***

Song Three

*Ruah, the Spirit, Breathes in our Souls*

ADELAIDE

Combined Choir

Song Four

*Shekhinah Is Shining on Earth*

STARS IN MY CROWN

Combined Choir

Sharing our gifts

Rev. Mike House

Offertory

*Breath of the Living God*

Larry McCain

Soplo del Dios Viviente

*Breath of the living God, who in the*

*beginning moved o'er the waters,*

*Breath of the living God, by whom all*

*creation has been renewed*

*Come now and live within us, come, let your*

*gifts enrich us,*

*Breath of the living God, our Creator Spirit,*

*eternal Source.*

*-Osvald Catena*

Affirmation of Faith: God believes in us!

Rev. Mike House

*Written by Dr. Kendra Weddle*

God believes in us!

**We are the dream of God!**

Before we were formed in her womb, she loved us.

**God knows us and has hope-filled plans for our wellbeing.**

The sun, moon, and stars who share their light; the water and earth that sustain life; all are elements of God's dream.

**The whole world is the great and good dream of God!**

Every gift of food and water, every mother hen who cares for her young, every bee who pollinates, all are reflections of her caring presence.

**Earth is crammed with heaven.**

Jesus, Christ-Sophia, shows us the path of love in action.

**Through Christ-Sophia we learn that we are deeply connected to each other, to the world, to God.**

Christ-Sophia demonstrated how to live differently: no longer do we strive for power and control, but instead we let go of the trappings of success. We cultivate the way of compassion.

**Christ-Sophia's presence in us leads us to do all the good we can, to all the people we can, for as long as we can!**

The Spirit hovered over the earth breathing life into everyone and everything.

**She is the air we breathe.**

Wisdom works within us leading us to greater union with Christ-Sophia.

**Wisdom works within us leading us to greater acts of service.**

**We are called to participate fully in God's dream.**

Where there is pain and sadness,  
**we will offer peace and hope.**

Where there is not enough,  
**we will give what we have.**

Where there are laws and structures that silence and oppress our neighbors,  
**we will take action.**

Where there is distrust and doubt,  
**we will be trustworthy and kind.**

Where there is isolation and loneliness,  
**we will respond with compassion.**

We are the dream of God!

**She believes in us!**

Closing Song

*Our Strong and Tender God We Praise*

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*Our strong and tender God we praise;  
she dwells within our souls.*

*To strengthen us throughout our days,  
and make us fully whole.*

*And when we pass through troubled  
lands, No foe can bring alarm.*

*God stretches out her mighty hands,  
and shelters us from harm.*

***God speaks to us with gentle voice; She  
hears us when we call.  
Her comfort makes our heart rejoice,  
She is our all in all.***

***God's steadfast love and faithful care  
renew our hearts each day.  
She gives us bold new dreams to dare,  
forever with us stays.***

Benediction

Rev. Ann Willet, Dr. Kendra Weddle,  
Jann Aldredge-Clanton

Sending Forth

*We Sound a Call to Freedom*  
GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH