

**PSEC Spring Meeting 2021
Opening Worship
Friday, June 4, 2021**

Gathering Music

Medley—Seek Ye First/We Shall Overcome
Cindy Miller-Aungst (flute) & Dave Hauk (piano)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come to this space with all of your dreams, with all of your desires, with all of your doubts.

Leader: Come to this space with all of your wounds, with all of your broken spaces, with all of your hopes for the days ahead.

Leader: Come exactly as you are for God is already in our midst.

Many: We come with our need for healing. We come with our concerns for this world God created. We come seeking God's wisdom to guide us. We come to be transformed by God's Spirit.

Leader : Come to this space with your hearts and your minds open to the transforming presence of the Jesus.

Leader : Come to this space to be filled with grace and to be challenged to go out and serve God's people.

Leader: Come to this space trusting that God who created you calls you beloved, that God who calls you beloved seeks to use you, that God who seeks to use you will empower you to go out into the world.

Many: We come as our authentic selves seeking the presence of the Life-Giving One. We come with our minds and our hearts open to receive what God seeks to share with us this day. We come seeking God's love so we might share it with the world. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 15:1-7

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Leader: Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Prayer

Leader: Let us join our hearts, our souls, ourselves together in the spirit of prayer: Sacred Healing One we gather as your people called to listen, called to learn, called to love. As Disciples of Jesus, we hear your command to care for our neighbors, not just some, but all of our neighbors.

Leader: We especially hear and see Jesus’ deep care for those he called the least of these, for those who were lost, for those who needed to be loved. As we come together this weekend from many Faith Communities, may your Word rest upon us and move within us.

Leader: May your Spirit guide our speaking and our listening. May we search deeply within ourselves for the ways we have been complicit in holding back some of our siblings in Christ. May we search deeply within ourselves for the ways we have been apathetic and silent when we should have spoken up and risen up for your people, when we should have sought out those who feel lost and alone.

Leader: Remind us how you call us to love you and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Lead us in this time of gathering so we might let your love flow wherever we go and with everyone we meet. And all God’s people said: Amen!

Closing Music –

Shepherd of Love

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