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ONLINE WORSHIP @ MOSAIC
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**Virtual Coffee Hour Immediately Following Worship via
Zoom.**

Rev. Scott Spencer (he/him) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour
Time: SUNDAYS 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
(link good through Dec. 27, 2020)

[Join Zoom Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84786802223)
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude -

Purpose -

<https://www.facebook.com/100002517503216/videos/pcb.2643777165859323/3025161110911109/>

The purpose of Mosaic United Methodist Church is to welcome all to experience the radical love of God as together we create a beautiful community of justice, compassion, and faith. We are a widening circle of all nationalities, races, classes, ages, families, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, abilities, and faiths.

Land Acknowledgement - Jeni Markham Clewell

Mosaic gladly welcomes all and acknowledges that the land on which we meet is, was, and always will be native land. This land was once inhabited by the Spiro peoples. We acknowledge those indigenous tribes to Oklahoma: the Wichitas, Caddos, Plains Apaches, and the Quapaws, as the original custodians of the land in this place. We respect those who came here as a result of the Trail of Tears: the Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw and Seminole people. We grieve the violence done to native language, culture, and personhood. One of Mosaic's core values is reconciliation and we embrace the ongoing work of reconciliation among all God's creation.

Gathering Song - "The Spirit in Me" (video)

<https://www.facebook.com/jeanie.strathdee/videos/2771765272946250>

Gathering - Jeni Markham Clewell

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

Christ, we come into your presence today
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

**A planet filled with your presence,
quivering in the forests,
vibrating in the land,
pulsating in the wilderness,
shimmering in the rivers.**

God, reveal yourself to us in this place
and show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

SONG: "Blue Boat Home"

*Though below me, I feel no motion
Standing on these mountains and plains
Far away from the rolling ocean
Still my dry land heart can say
I've been sailing all my life now
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home*

*Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder
As I ply the starry sea
Leaning over the edge in wonder
Casting questions into the deep
Drifting here with my ship's companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home*

*I give thanks to the waves upholding me
Hail the great winds urging me on
Greet the infinite sea before me
Sing the sky my sailor's song
I was born upon the fathoms*

*Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home*

Call to Worship - Jay Williams

*We invite the Wilderness to worship with us:
Glass mountains and the arbuckles,
Flowing rivers and the tall grass prairie.*

*We invite the flora to sing in the sun:
Mighty oaks and mistletoe,
Buffalo grass and prickly pear cactus.*

*We join with the fauna of the Wilderness in praising God:
Prairie dogs and bald eagles, white-tailed deer and great-horned owls.*

*We invite the Dreaming to join us in praise:
songs of ancient custodians deep in the rock,
spirits of life deep in the sand and the hills.*

*We celebrate the song of the Wilderness!
Sing, Wilderness, sing!
We invite you to name creatures of the Wilderness
to join us in worship. (pause)*

*We celebrate the song of the Wilderness!
Sing, Wilderness, sing!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment - Lacy Kelly

Scripture: Romans 8 - Jay Williams

Message: Scott Spencer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

SONG: "We Shall Overcome"

Prayers of the People - Eric Brown

Offering Moments -

You are invited to continue to support Mosaic with your prayers, your presence (while social distancing), your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Send your offerings to:

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Oklahoma City OK 73112

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WE GO TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

SONG: "O FOR A THOUSAND TREES" ("O For A Thousand Tongues")

*O for a thousand trees to sing
And join with us this day,
With ferns and frogs and butterflies:
A forest hymn of praise.*

*Come celebrate with all the land,
Let species rare begin,
With geese and owls and cockatoo:
A choir of country kin.*

*How can we hear creation groan,
The Outback cry in pain?
With desert dragons we rejoice*

When Earth is born again.

*Let ev'ry stream and river flow
In song toward the sea;
With whale, and seal and albatross
We thank God we are free!*

*O for a thousand trees to sing
And join with us this day,
With ferns and frogs and butterflies:
A forest hymn of praise.*

Words: © Norman Habel 2004 Melody: O For a Thousand Tongues

Benediction - Eric Brown

One: This is our church.

All: **We make it what it is.**

One: Others will feel welcomed.

All: **If I am welcoming.**

One: It will do a great work.

All: **If I work.**

One: It will make generous gifts to many causes.

All: **If I am a generous giver of my time, talents, and treasure.**

One: It will be a sanctuary for social justice and peace.

All: **If I advocate for marginalized communities & practice peace in every setting of my life.**

One: Therefore, we shall welcome all to experience the radical love of God as together we create a beautiful community of justice, compassion, and faith.

All: **And I shall dedicate myself to being all the things I want my church to be. Amen.**

(adapted from Rev. Kayla Bonewell, used by permission)

Sending Forth Song - “The Trees of the Field”

Postlude -

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The rivers shall run free
the rivers shall run free
the rivers shall run free some day
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
they shall reach the sea some day

The forests will grow tall
the forests will grow tall
the forests will grow tall some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
the clearcuts will grow back some day

The ocean shall be clean
the ocean shall be clean
the ocean shall be clean some day
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
the ocean shall be pure some day

The earth shall rise again
the earth shall rise again
the earth shall rise again some day
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
our earth shall rise again some day

✧ **Benediction**

*Quaker Prayer
adapted*

Rev. Dr. Sharon Betsworth

We give back to you, O God, the one whom you gave to us. You did not lose him in giving him to us and we have not lost him in his return. Jesus taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die. Death is only a horizon and a horizon is only the limit of our sight. Draw us close to you and to one another, even as we celebrate the blessings of your unending day. Amen.

✧ **Carrying out the Light**