



wisconsin conference  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*One Body of Christ  
In Ministry with All the World*

## Wisconsin Annual Conference 2020

### OPENING DEVOTION

#### PRELUDE

*Here I Am To Worship*

Music & Lyrics by Tim Hughs

Piano & Clarinet Accompaniment by Rev. Seongmin Kim & Clarinet Esther Jung

#### GREETING

Rev. Mary Council Austin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Joshua Hall, Rev. Carlos I. Careaga, Jongjin Jun-Kim

L: We join as one voice of global concern for love, unity, and justice in our world today.

**P: Love, unity, and justice for the world can only be realized through divine understanding.**

**P: El amor, la unidad y la justicia por el mundo solo pueden realizarse mediante el entendimiento divino.**

**P: 세상을 위한 사랑, 하나됨, 정의는 오직 신령한 이해를 통해서만 실현 될 수 있습니다.**

L: Scripture reveals God as merciful judge who confronts injustice and corrects wrongdoing.

**P: So, let us return to the heart of God, yielding to Jesus' way of love in unity of the Spirit.**

**P: Entonces, volvamos al corazón de Dios, cediendo al camino del amor de Jesús en la unidad del Espíritu.**

**P: 그러므로 우리는 성령의 일치 안에서 예수님의 사랑의 방법을 따라 하나님의 마음으로 돌아갑시다.**

L: Come! Let us offer our hearts with reverence as we worship our God of Love Eternal.

**P: Let our worship be reflected in the way of hope and peace all our days. Amen**

**P: Que nuestra adoración se refleje en el camino de la esperanza y la paz todos nuestros días. Amén**

**P: 우리의 예배가 모든 우리의 날들을 희망과 평화의 방식으로 나타나게 합시다. 아멘.**

#### SCRIPTURE *Colossians 3:12-16*

Harmony Snellenberger

#### OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

Loving God, for all who gather this virtual 2020 Wisconsin Annual Conference, we give our thanks and praise. Your vision of righteousness exceeds our capacity to image. Your way of justice transcends our efforts. Yet, you call together an imperfect people to serve in ministry on your behalf. So, we gather this day with ideas, visions, hints, and instructions. We lay before you all pride that puffs up. We renounce comparisons that threaten your ministry. With great joy, we celebrate the diversity of gifts animating your body in ministry. Many talents, abilities, resources, and sacrifices offered together for every good. You alone see in perfect detail the outcome of our efforts. Strengthen our confidence in all we have and all we are. Bless our worship with your anointing presence. Extend your blessing to all we encounter in these days. Ready us. Steady us. Help us make every moment count. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Eze Ndi Eze ( King of Kings in Igbo - Nigeria)*

Shalom International Praise Band  
Sylvie Mpoyo, Elisa Kaputo, Christiana Mande

**LITANY FOR JUSTICE, LOVE, UNITY, AND PEACE** *based on Psalm 88*

Rev. Jane & Paul Sommers

L: Giver of our life and breath,  
by night we cry out, by day we rage.

**P: God of Peace, help your people learn to pray.**

L: Calm us, quiet us, settle us. Open our ears to the wailing wall of suffering.  
Steady, balance, and ground your people with courage to face these troubling days.

**P: God of Unity, help your people find the way.**

L: Temper us with gentleness. Strengthen our resolve. Bind your people anew as one.  
Give healing words for dialogue that free this world from the racism that blinds.

**P: God of Love, help your people live each day.**

L: Plant us firmly in the soil of sorrow and generate in us your empathetic heart.  
Anoint your people with patience and embed your saving love deep within.

**P: God of Justice, help your people without delay.**

L: Support, sustain, and protect us now as we build your hopeful vision of community.  
We rejoice in your global welcome for all, and vow to forever sing your praise!

**P Giver of our life and breath,  
May we enter your Kingdom for all our days! Alleluia!**

**CHORAL MUSIC** *We are Called*

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Rev. Thomas White, Devin Scherk, Susan Giese, Mary Hernandez

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Mary Council Austin

God of Mercy, you call us children of God and joint heirs with Christ, despite the error of our sin, our willfulness, our forgetfulness of your way. By grace you save us. By the outpouring of mercy, you cleanse us. We remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus, who offered himself as the sacrificial Lamb, spilling his lifeblood for the healing of creation. You call us in the light of his love to offer ourselves in solidarity with all who suffer. You join us eternally with him yet call us to serve this present age. With Christ our life, all and all, his body on earth, we offer ourselves. One heart of compassion and kindness. One spirit of humility and gentleness. One voice of patience and peace. God of Mercy, you have set us apart as One Body of Christ, animated with gifts of ministry for all the world. We humbly give our thanks and praise. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Nenga Mukwashi (Holy Spirit the Comforter in Luba - D.R. Congo)*

Shalom International Praise Band  
Sylvie Mpoyo, Elisa Kaputo, Christiana Mande

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

God of Saving Love, we celebrate with joy your gift of relational unity. You fashion us in perfect love. You reveal our greatest hope through shared experiences with inspired Christians wondering, worshiping, working together. How grateful we are for this moment. Every heart of devotion. Every desire to serve only you. On behalf of this virtual gathering, help us walk faithfully and fiercely in the way of Jesus, always reflecting his kindness. May we honor you with our achievements. May we glorify you with all we are and all we do. Use us, we pray. Reach through us to all who desperately yearn for the touch of your healing love. We lift the name of Jesus. The Body of Christ on earth, here and now. For the world. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

*Mission (사명)*

Music & Lyrics by GwonHee Lee (이권희)

Piano & Clarinet Accompaniment by Rev. Seongmin Kim & Clarinet Esther Jung



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