

***Welcome**

Welcome! No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. You are welcome here, not in spite of who you are, but because of who you are.

Because of whom you love. Because of your gender identity. Because of your race, or ethnicity. Because of where you come from, where your family came from. Because of your age. Because of your ability. All of you are loved unconditionally by God.

We do our best here to echo God's radically inclusive love. And so we say welcome.

***Welcome Song** | [All Are Welcome by Marty Haugen](#)

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

Refrain

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground

[Ailani Fraser](#) + [Hannah Bates](#)

Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

Refrain

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.

Refrain

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

Refrain

***Call to Worship**

As the semester closes and the pressure builds, we stop to breathe.

We come to find rest in the God who works for our good.

Whether we feel prepared or overwhelmed, God is our anchor.

We bring our stress, our papers, and our fears to the Creator of all knowledge.

Come, let us worship God—not just in our studying, but with our whole lives.

We come in faith, seeking wisdom and peace for the days ahead.

Blessed are the procrastinators and the planners, for God willing, the work will get done.

And Blessed are those who are overworked, overscheduled, and overwhelmed, for they will find rest.

We come in confidence, knowing God will meet us in our worship today. Amen.

***Opening Prayer** *adapted from Faith & Worship*

Let us pray, we meet together in the presence of a God whose love is freedom, whose touch is healing, whose voice is calm. We meet not in our own strength but in the knowledge that God's Spirit abides within us, in our worship today, and in our daily lives. The blessing received is shared, in the hope that others might be drawn to the God we serve. So God, we draw close to you right now, welcome in. Open our hearts to experience you together, today, in this place. Amen

***Gathering Song | [Please Prepare Me by Beautiful Chorus](#) (x3)**

Ailani Fraser+ Hannah Bates

Please prepare me / To be a sanctuary / All made holy / Tried and true
With Thanksgiving / I'll be a living / Sanctuary for you

***Passing of Peace | "Let's pass the peace!"**

Emma Meyers

***Sung Response | This Little Light of Mine (x3)**

Ailani Fraser+ Hannah Bates

This little light of mine / I'm gonna let it shine / This little light of mine / I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine / I'm gonna let it shine / Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Sacred Reading(s)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (*Jeremiah 29:11*)

May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. (Psalm 20:4)

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and God will establish your plans. (*Proverbs 16:3*)

May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. (Psalm 20:4)

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (*Isaiah 43:19*)

May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. (Psalm 20:4)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. (*1 John 4:7-8*)

One: May these words, recorded and translated by our spiritual ancestors,

All: Point us toward God!

Message

Zeina Nassif + Svetlana Greene

Dalice Rodriguez Viera

Emma Meyers

Blessing of Seniors

Let us unite our hearts in prayer and entrust to the hands of God our beloved seniors,

May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion,

enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments,

always confident in the support of those who love you.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,

so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,

so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,

so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world

so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

May your integrity be a gift to the world

and may the Spirit of God be with you always.

(By Sister Ruth Marlene Fox)

Prayer | Joys & Concerns

One: This is my prayer

All: This is our prayer

* = Please stand as you're able

Call to confession

We give thanks to you, our God, who declared from the beginning that we were created in your image, a reflection of what is holy, each, in our own way, a glimpse of you. We praise the works of your creativity that fill our lives with beauty. Every flower that blooms, every animal that breathes, every body of water that sustains our life – all part of your good works.

Despite the abundance of life around us, we still turn to destruction. Each in our own ways, we have failed to embrace you by failing to embrace all your people, especially those different from us. We have, at times, sided with political and religious powers that refuse to recognize your image in all people.

And so we turn to Jesus, who showed us what it looks like to live into our true selves as people of God. He was humble yet grounded in your love for him.

He sought out the despised and called them beloved and precious. He confronted every power that belittled, marginalized, and oppressed. His commitment to living out the image of God enfleshed could not be swayed, even in the face of death.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around a table with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,
“This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”

Even in death, O God, your love prevailed. Through your Spirit, Christ was raised from the grave. No person, no institution, no force of evil could extinguish the work of your hand.

And so, by the same Spirit, bless these gifts of bread and cup that they may be the living Christ within us today, compelling us to be agents of love, uncompromising on our commitment to protecting all of your beloved creation.

Invitation to the table

This is God's table, and all are welcome here. People of every age, race, history, belief, gender, ability, and sexuality are called to this table. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

Prayer after communion

Loving Christ,
Thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies.
Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst.
Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are.
Thank you for this Table that brings us together.
Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits.
Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there.
May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news.
With joy and hope we pray, amen.

The Lord's Prayer (read in unison): *In whatever language and using whatever words feel most faithful to you.*

Our Mother / Father / Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin / kingdom / community come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin / kingdom / community, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***[Closing Song](#) | We're Blessed by Fred Hammond**

Chorus

We're blessed in the city
We're blessed in the field
We're blessed when we come and when we go
We cast down every stronghold
Sickness and poverty must cease
For the devil is defeated
We are blessed
x3

***[Benediction Song](#) | [Peace Like a River by Beautiful Chorus](#)**

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
x2

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
x2

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain

***[Benediction](#)**

May God's blessing follow you
as you find new journeys to travel.
May you have the courage to live your "impossible dreams"
so that they will become possible!
May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.
May God's gentle hand guide the decisions you will make
and the passions that you follow.
May your hearts and lives always reflect God's love and truth,
And may hope be a light within you
that you carry into each new day. Amen.

"I'm Choosing Better" by [Ailani Fraser](#)

Don't let the wind
Down don't let the wind
Down don't let the wind
Down

She's filling your wings

** = Please stand as you're able*

Ailani Fraser + Hannah Bates

Verse 1

Since thou has walked uprightly
As a light in our dark land
Thou has placed in thy heart
All the Lord's commands
He's set thee above nations
And cast thine enemies away
He's standing up within you
So let me hear you say

Chorus x3

Ailani Fraser + Hannah Bates

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
x2

I've got peace
Yes, I've got peace
Yes, I've got peace
And I wish it for you
I've got peace
Yes, I've got peace
Yes, I've got peace
And I wish it for you **x4**

Chaplain Ylisse Bess

Practices of Faith | *“Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”* ([Micah 6:8](#))

- ☒ [LUCE Immigrant Justice Network of MA](#) - CALL: 617-370-5023
- ☒ [Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network \(BIJAN\)](#) / *Beyond Bond Boston*
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Praise God From All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.