

Order of Service

Sunday, July 5, 2020

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"There is a Crack in Everything"

Galatians 6:2-3

*We are continuing our series called "Good Question"
based on questions about God, the Bible and the life of faith
that have been suggested by you.*

**Today's message is based on the question,
'Does the Bible have anything to say about struggling with anxiety?'**

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Prelude

Aaron and Tommy Friesen

Opening Prayer

Christ Jesus,
we come into your presence
from many different places.
We come with songs of joy
and shouts of gratitude.
We come carrying heavy burdens
and sighs of suffering.
As you welcome us into your [presence,]
lift our burdens
and receive our praise.
Salt us with your grace
and flavor us with your mercy.
Bind us together, [even while we are apart,]
that we may be at peace with one another
and be strengthened to go forth
in service to the world.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

- Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Manual (Abingdon Press)

Song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand
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I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
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Prayer: God, Who Holds Us In Our Anxiety

God of grace and mercy,
be present with us as we face an unknown future
and as we walk paths untrodden.
In the ever-changing and uncertain world where we find ourselves,
help us to know and be assured that you are sovereign,
that you are all-knowing, all-powerful and ever-present.
We know you are a good God
who holds us in our anxiety and distress
and who has a plan for our future.
Calm our hearts and minds and give us hope in you,
our only certain hope. We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

- Written by Rev. David Loleng

Invitation for Personal Prayers

*We invite you to offer up your own prayers in this time.
Whether silently or spoken out loud, praying for yourselves,
our community, country and world in this time.*

Song: Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

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Text: Galatians 6:2-3

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves."

Message by Chris Hutton

"There is a Crack in Everything"

Song: O God, in Restless Living

O God, in restless living
We lose our spirits' peace.
Calm our unwise confusion,
Bid Thou our clamor cease.
Let anxious hearts grow quiet,
Like pools at evening still,
Till Thy reflected heavens
All our spirits fill.

Teach us, beyond our striving,
The rich rewards of rest.
Who does not live serenely
Is never deeply blest.
O tranquil, radiant Sunlight,
Bring Thou our lives to flower,
Less wearied with our effort
More aware of power.

Receptive make our spirits,
Our need is to be still;
As dawn fades flickering candle
So dim our anxious will.
Reveal Thy radiance through us,
Thine ample strength release,
Not our but Thine the triumph,
In the power of peace.

We grow not wise by struggling,
We gain but things by strain.
We cease to water gardens,
When comes Thy plenteous rain.
O beautify our spirits
In restfulness from strife;
Enrich our souls in secret
With abundant life.

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Benediction:

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” *Amen.* – Philippians 2:1-4