

WORSHIPFUL CONVERSATION & FELLOWSHIP

Welcome

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rep4bc3bIVY>)

Prayer

from *Come, Let Us Build*, written by Rev. Mary Nelson Abbot

Move among us, Spirit,
and gather us together with you.
Take our many selves—
our lives, our loves, our ideas,
our questions, our speech, our silence—
and unite us as your people.
Give us the gifts of perception
and understanding,
so that even as we dream your dreams
and see your visions,
we may be able to witness to your presence
in our common life. Amen.

Invitation to the Feast

including the Lord's Prayer (No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing at the Table

As we share in this feast, you are invited to share in response to the following questions:

How is it with you ?

*When have you felt close to God this week?
Have you felt far from God at all, and need encouragement?*

You can share with the whole group gathered here today via your phone or device (make sure to unmute yourself). You can also write your response in the chat.

Joel 2:2:18-32

Common English Bible

¹⁸ Then the LORD became passionate about this land, and had pity on his people.

¹⁹ The LORD responded to the people:
See, I am sending you
the corn, new wine, and fresh oil,
and you will be fully satisfied by it;
and I will no longer make you
a disgrace among the nations.

²⁰ I will remove the northern army far from you
and drive it into a dried-up and desolate land,
its front into the eastern sea,
and its rear into the western sea.
Its stench will rise up;

its stink will come to the surface.
The LORD is about to do great things!

²¹ Don't fear, fertile land;
rejoice and be glad,
for the LORD is about to do great things!
²² Don't be afraid, animals of the field,

for the meadows of the wilderness will turn green;
the tree will bear its fruit;
the fig tree and grapevine will give their full yield.

²³ Children of Zion,
rejoice and be glad in the LORD your God,
because he will give you the early rain as a sign of
righteousness;
he will pour down abundant rain for you,
the early and the late rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors will be full of grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and
fresh oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the cutting locust,
the swarming locust, the hopping locust, and
the devouring locust have eaten—
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You will eat abundantly and be satisfied,
and you will praise the name of
the LORD your God,
who has done wonders for you;
and my people will never again be put to
shame.

²⁷You will know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the LORD your God—no other
exists;
never again will my people be put to shame.

²⁸After that I will pour out my spirit upon every-
one;
your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions.

²⁹In those days, I will also pour out my
spirit on the male and female slaves.

³⁰I will give signs in the heavens and on the
earth—blood and fire and columns of
smoke. ³¹The sun will be turned to darkness, and
the moon to blood before the great and dreadful
day of the LORD comes. ³²But everyone who calls
on the LORD’s name will be saved; for on Mount
Zion and in Jerusalem there will be security, as
the LORD has promised; and in Jerusalem,
the LORD will summon those who survive.

Finding a New Normal: Restored Life with God

Pastor Jacob

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Forth

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