



Lisa Schulist Doezema, *Blessed are All Those Who Take Refuge in Him*

## *Worship Service*

11 a.m., Sunday, February 10, 2013  
Soul Repair Center, Brite Divinity School

## *Gathering to Worship*

Prelude

Welcome

\* Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

\* Hymn of Praise – *Lift High the Cross*

*Chalice Hymnal* 108

\* Prayer of Invocation

## *Confession and Renewal*

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**Try me and know my thoughts.**

See if there is any wicked way in me,

**And lead me in the way everlasting.**

Prayer of Confession – *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

*Chalice Hymnal* 339

Assurance of Pardon – Matthew 11:28-30

Hymn of Dedication – *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

*Chalice Hymnal* 588

Litany of Lament and Prayer for Healing

We praise you today as the God of peace.

**We thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to proclaim peace to those who are far away  
and peace to those who are near.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**We long for peace and want to be peacemakers.**

\* *Please stand if able*

Yet we know that in a world filled with evil and corruption, there is a time for war.  
**We know that you have authorized government to resist those who do evil  
and to protect the innocent.**

We know there is a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.  
**We lament how easy it is to confuse what time it is.**

To fight when we should refrain from fighting,  
**to confuse necessary restraint of evil with national self-interest,**

to treat the horrors of war too lightly,  
**to lose urgency to end war that goes on too long.**

We acknowledge the high cost of war in human lives and cultural destruction,  
**the ways that war despoils the divine stamp of God's image in all of war's victims.**

We lament that we have been party to wars that have unnecessarily wounded, maimed,  
and disfigured your children in body and soul.  
**We are sorry. Be merciful to us, we pray.**

*(A time of silence for personal confession and lament)*

We claim the promise of your Word today,  
**that you do not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities,**

that as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**so great is your love for those who fear you.**

That as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

We praise you today as the one who comes with healing in your wings.  
**We pray today for the healing of the nations.**

You have already created peace by the blood of your cross.  
**Make peace reign in our world, dear God.**

And make us instruments of your peace.  
**We pray for the day when all nations will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks,**

for the day when there will be no more war, no mourning, no crying anymore.  
**Make us instruments of your peace.**

And come, Lord Jesus.  
**Come quickly. Amen.**



## *Proclamation of God's Word*

Scripture Reading – Psalm 63:1-8

Meditation – “In the Shadow of Your Wings”

–Rev. Dr. Duane Kelderman

Prayer

## *Celebration of Holy Communion*

The Opening

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! ... Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

The Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Prayer for the Work of the Holy Spirit

The Communion

The Thanksgiving

## *Departing to Serve*

\* Hymn of Praise – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Chalice Hymnal* 622

\* Closing Blessing

Postlude