

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Reflection: Ellie Olson, Director, Center for Wellness & Counseling

Liturgists: Rev. Justin Lind-Ayres, University Pastor; Rev. Babette Chatman, University Pastor

Musician: Tom Witt, Luther Seminary Musician

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UPCOMING IN CHAPEL

Monday, September 13 at 10:40 am: Centering Prayer

Tuesday, September 14 at 11:30 am: Holy Communion

Wednesday, September 15 at 10:40 am: Interfaith Chapel with Fardosa Hassan

Thursday, September 16 at 11:30 am: Student Deacons will lead chapel

Friday, September 17 at 10:40 am: Pastor Justin Lind-Ayres; Blessing of Men's Soccer team

Wednesday Night Communion

September 13 at 8:00 pm in Hoversten Chapel. All students are invited to join us for Communion.

Friday Prayer (Jummah): 12:20 pm in Gundale Chapel beginning September 17

Campus Ministry Staff:

Pastor Justin Lind-Ayres, University Pastor

Pastor Babette Chatman '06, University Pastor

Fardosa Hassan '12, Muslim Student Program Associate

Tori Remer, Pastoral Intern

Janice Dames, Administrative Assistant

Daily Chapel

September 10, 2021

Community Space Naming Loss & Seeking Healing

As you enter this space, you are welcome to take a stone. Throughout the service, you are invited to write on the rock the losses, griefs, or burdens that you have been carrying throughout the pandemic. All will be given time to set it down later in the service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

SETTLING SONG "Listen"

Brett Hesla

Listen, listen, be open, O my heart...
Watching watching, be open, O my heart...
Waiting, waiting, be open, O my heart...
Ever mindful....
In this moment...

POEM "Heavy"

by Mary Oliver

That time
I thought I could not
go any closer to grief
without dying

I went closer,
and I did not die.
Surely God
had his hand in this,

as well as friends.
Still, I was bent,
and my laughter,
as the poet said,

was nowhere to be found.
Then said my friend Daniel
(brave even among lions),
"It is not the weight you carry

but how you carry it—
books, bricks, grief—

it's all in the way
you embrace it, balance it, carry it

when you cannot, and would not,
put it down."
So I went practicing.
Have you noticed?

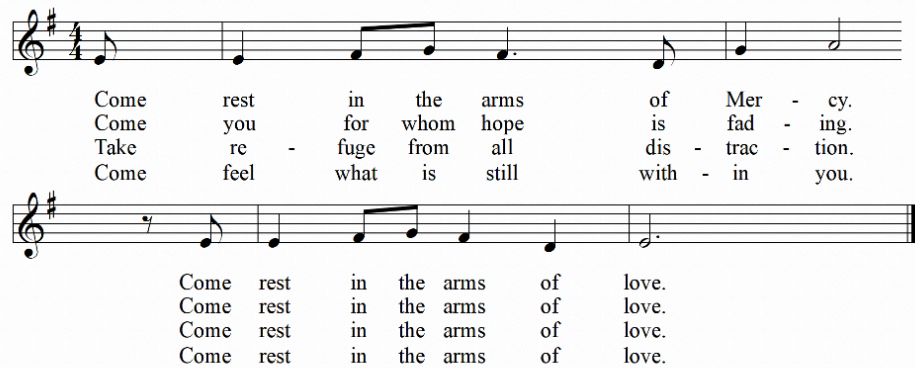
Have you heard
the laughter
that comes, now and again,
out of my startled mouth?

How I linger
to admire, admire, admire
the things of this world
that are kind, and maybe

also troubled—
roses in the wind,
The sea geese on the steep waves,
a love
to which there is no reply?

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SONG "Come Rest in the Arms of Love" Brett Hesla



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LITANY OF LOSS AND HEALING

Together as community in this holy gathering,
we name before the Divine the losses we have experienced throughout this pandemic.

For lives lost: *(petitions offered aloud or silently)*

Holy One,
Hold our loss.

For health and wholeness lost: *(petitions offered aloud or silently)*

Holy One,
Hold our loss.

For opportunities, time, and events lost: *(petitions offered aloud or silently)*

Holy One,
Hold our loss.

For the losses we feel in body and spirit and those we are yet to discover as the pandemic continues: *(petitions offered aloud or silently)*

Holy One,
Hold our loss.

Together as community in this holy gathering,
we name before the Divine our hope for healing for each ourselves, one another, and the world.

For individuals, families, and communities seeking new ways of being while grieving the loss of loved ones: *(petitions offered aloud or silently)*

Holy One,
Heal our hearts.

For vigilance and attentiveness to keeping each other and our neighbors healthy and safe: *(petitions offered aloud or silently)*

Holy One,
Heal our hearts.

For restoration and justice for communities that have disproportionately affected by the pandemic: *(petitions offered aloud or silently)*

Holy One,
Heal our hearts.

For courage and strength to walk together into the days ahead clinging a hope beyond ourselves discovered in the beauty of this Augsburg community.

(petitions offered aloud or silently)

Holy One,
Heal our hearts.

O Spirit of Life, hear these and all our prayers, spoken and held in our quiet hearts. **Amen.**

RITUAL OF STONE AND WATER

During this time, all are invited to write on a rock the losses, griefs, or burdens they have been carrying throughout the pandemic. During the singing, you are welcome to place these rocks down by the water feature in the chapel space as a step in the communal healing process we take together.

SONG "Letting Go" Brett Hesla

Letting go. Letting go in You.
Letting peace flow into my heart.
Letting calm rest upon my soul.
Letting go. Letting go in You.

PRAYER

Holy One, source of all mercy, giver of comfort, and waters of healing: On our hearts, on our lips, and on stone, we have named together the heavy losses we have carried in our bodies throughout these pandemic days. Receive them in your divine love, bind us together in hope, and empower us to seek healing for the sake of this Augsburg community, for our circles of connection, and for the world. This we pray trusting in the Wonder and Mystery that is you. **Amen.**