

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\***HYMN 408** "When Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" *Tune: GERMANY*

**CLOSING SENTENCES**

Leader: O God, lead us from death to life,

People: **from falsehood to truth.**

Leader: O God, lead us from despair to hope,

People: **from fear to trust.**

Leader: O God, lead us from hate to love,

People: **from violence to peace.**

Leader: Let peace fill our hearts,

People: **our world, our universe. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** Elegy *Malcolm Archer*  
(12:10 p.m.)

**POSTLUDE** Rhosymedre *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
(7:30 p.m.)

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

12:10 p.m.

Hardy Kim, Pastoral Resident

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor

Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

7:30 p.m.

Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

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# Goodness

is stronger than

*evil*

**love**

is stronger than

*hate*

**light**

is stronger than

*darkness*

**life**

is stronger than

*death.*

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Desmond Tutu

**PRELUDE** Adagio for Strings *Samuel Barber*  
(12:10 p.m.)

**PRELUDE** Meditation *Zoltán Gardonyi*  
(7:30 p.m.)

#### INVITATION TO LIGHT CANDLES

*(All are invited to light a candle found on the tables at the front of the sanctuary and say a prayer for those affected by tragedy.)*

#### OPENING WORDS AND INVOCATION

**\*HYMN 210** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” *Tune: ST. ANNE*

#### LITANY FOR A TIME OF TRAGEDY

Leader: God, we’ve read the newspapers.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: We’ve seen the video footage.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: We talk about faith.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: Our brains demand evidence.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: Our hearts long to believe.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: Forgive us our doubts, God.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: The world is a cruel place.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: The hungry and hurting reach out.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: The questions and doubts rise up like a raging river.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: We could drown in our own ignorance.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: Come into this place.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: We will open our hardened hearts.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: We will open our minds and souls.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: Show us.

People: **God, we need to know you are there.**

Leader: Enlighten us.

All: **God, we need to know you are there.**

**PSALM 23** *(unison)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for his name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;**

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;**

**my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life;**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

**VOLUNTARY** The Lord’s My Shepherd *Searle Wright*  
(12:10 p.m.)

**VOLUNTARY** Memorial Tribute *Louis Vierne*  
(7:30 p.m.)

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (page 166, N.T.)

Romans 8:31–39 (page 148, N.T.)

#### REFLECTION

**\*HYMN** “God Binds Us with a Mighty Cord” *Tune: KINGSFOLD*

God binds us with a mighty cord, we seldom feel or see;  
this tie, with our creating Lord, links all eternally.

Each life, a thread joined in the whole, our gathered destinies;  
So God, the Weaver, knits our soul in one great tapestry.

In times of trial, God’s steadfast light shines on a world in need,  
and leads all people to unite, with healing words and deeds.

We yearn to feel the Spirit then, find God in tragedy;  
thus, strangers transform into friends, in holy unity.

The face of evil we perceive, in desperate deeds and crimes,  
lies deep in all humanity: our burden throughout time.

Will dark seeds bloom or dormant lie? All face this choice sublime.  
Still, mercy waits and grace abides: God’s gift to humankind.

#### CANDLELIGHTING AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAMES