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The Vespers Choir

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Jane Parker Huber was commissioned in 2001 by the
Presbytery of Chicago's Task Force on Family Violence to
write "God of All People Everywhere," tonight's opening hymn.

*If you or someone you know is in a domestic violence situation,
there is help and you are not alone. City of Chicago Domestic Violence
Help Line 1-877-863-6338*

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vespers
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A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month *Remembrance and Hope*

PRELUDE The Lord's My Shepherd Searle Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, come to our assistance.

People: **O Lord, hasten to help us.**

Leader: The Lord our God gives us salvation and victory.

People: **The Lord our God brings us light and life.**

Leader: God's right hand has done wonders.

All: **So let us proclaim the works of our God.**

***HYMN** "God of All People Everywhere" *Tune: MARYTON*
God of all people everywhere, (The Hymnal, 357)
Your love for us is ours to share.
Yet victims suffer cruel blows
And words can kill where power grows.
In the complexities of life,
Keep us from being numb to strife.
Open our eyes to inner sight
And tune our ears to others' plight.
So when we hear the cries of pain
Grant us the grace to be humane.
Grant us the heart to love and care,
To be your presence standing there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God, the reality is that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We ask that you would forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. We ask that you would set us free from

**Stand as you are able.*

a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 121 (*responsively*) (page 539, O.T.)

ANTHEM “We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God”
William McKie

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:31–39 (page 148, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Joyce Shin
A PROMISE WRITTEN INTO CREATION

***HYMN 351** “Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart”
Tune: GATESCARTH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God: who has created and
is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word
made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works
in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s
presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice**

“The Clothesline Project”

on display in the Loggia through October 31

**A visual display that bears witness to
the violence against women.**

White	<i>Women who have been murdered</i>
Yellow or Beige	<i>Women who are survivors of domestic violence or abuse</i>
Red, Pink, or Orange	<i>Women who are survivors of rape or sexual assault</i>
Blue or Green	<i>Women who are survivors of incest or child sexual abuse</i>
Purple or Lavender	<i>Women who are abused because of their sexual orientation</i>

Within the United States, one out of every four American women will experience violence by an intimate partner during her lifetime. The Purple Ribbons on the trees on North Michigan Avenue represent the thousands of individuals who are the victims of domestic violence each year.

Domestic violence impacts everyone—women, men, and their families; the workplace; the community. No one is immune. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to preventing domestic violence.

Domestic violence affects all of us

Women often are the victims of domestic violence and other forms of abuse. But they're not the only ones at risk. Every year in the United States, more than 800,000 men are physically or sexually assaulted by a male or female intimate partner, and when it happens, men can feel guilt, shame, or anger, just as women do.

Beyond arguing

Most relationships go through tough times occasionally, resulting in arguments and tension. But abuse is different. It is a pattern of one person using fear and intimidation to gain power and control over another. Abuse isn't always physical; it can include emotional, psychological, sexual, or economic tactics as well.

It's OK to ask for help

If you've been living with abuse, you may find yourself doubting your own judgment. Men who are abused may not seek help because they are embarrassed or afraid no one will believe them.

Or they may just hope things will get better.

But abuse often gets worse over time. It can cause chronic health problems, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and headaches. It also can lead to injury or death. Children who witness abuse may develop health and behavioral problem, too.

If you or someone you know feels threatened by a partner, call the City of Chicago Domestic Violence Help Line 1.877.863.6338, a confidential clearinghouse to services throughout the State of Illinois.

and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(United Church of Canada)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness"
George Frideric Handel

***DOXOLOGY**

(The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: We give thanks for your love and light . . .

. . . we trust him to overcome all that has power to hurt or divide us. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

(After receiving Communion, you may light a candle and place it in the sand bowl as a sign of prayer and hope for the end of domestic violence in our community)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than any we know, and your will for us is always healing and salvation. God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain, and our brokenness, and you stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are. God of strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth with love and healing to all whom we meet.

People: **We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: God of love, we ask you to hear the prayers of your people. We pray for the world, that your creation may be understood and valued. Touch with your healing power the minds and hearts of all who live in confusion and doubt, and fill them with your light. Touch with your healing power the minds and hearts of all who are burdened by anguish, despair, or isolation, and set them free in love.

People: **Hear us, O God of life.**

Leader: Break the bonds of those who are imprisoned by fear, compulsion, secrecy, and silence. Fill with peace those who grieve over separation and loss.

People: **Bring healing, bring peace, O God.**

Leader: Restore to wholeness all those who have been broken in life or in spirit by violence within their families; restore to wholeness all those who have been broken by violence within our family of nations; restore to them the power of your love, and give them the strength of your presence.

People: **Come, O God, and restore us to wholeness and love.**

Leader: Let us name before God and this community gathered those, including ourselves, for whom we seek healing . . . ***(those gathered may name individuals silently or aloud)*** . . . that they in our remembering may find sanctuary and shalom

People: **in our homes, our workplaces, our communities, our churches, and in this world.**

Leader: We lift up before you this day all those who have died of violence . . . ***(those gathered may name individuals silently or aloud)*** . . . in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

All: **O God, in you all is turned to light, and brokenness is healed. Look with compassion on us and on those for whom we pray, that we may be re-created in wholeness, in love, and in compassion for one another. So, let it be so!**

***HYMN 281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fantasy in E-flat Major

Camille Saint-Saëns