



Give me the liberty
to know, to utter,
and to argue freely
according to conscience,
above all liberties.

John Milton, *Areopagitica*

Community Worship

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Davis Chapel



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Today in Worship

GATHERING

- Gathering Music
- Welcome
- Call to Worship

Alan Suber, MDiv '15
Katie Schlimmer, MDiv '13
Molly Bolton, MDiv '14

CENTERING

- * Prayer of Confession

Tasharia Harris, MDiv '13

One: Late have I loved you,

All: O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!

One: You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you.

All: In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created.

One: You were with me, but I was not with you.

All: Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you, they would have not been at all.

One: You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness.

All: You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness.

One: You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you.

All: I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burn for your peace.

- * Words of Assurance

We know, O God, that even when sin, individual and social, forms a veil between our gaze and your own, you are with us still. Your forgiveness and mercy surpass all understanding. Your motherly embrace seeks us out, warmly receiving us when we are ready to return home once more. Fearfully and wonderfully have we been made; your compassion is woven into our very being, into the fibers of all Creation. Even in times of strife and of pain, you are present with us. In you there is no darkness: only the radiant light of your grace, by which we are sustained now and forever.

HEARING

- Bringing in the Light
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 139
- Message: *On Human Dignity and the Way of Love*

Jessica Place, MDiv '15

Lisa Page, MDiv '15

Perry Dixon, MDiv '13

EMBODYING

- * Hymn: "Down to the River to Pray"

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way.

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe & crown?
Good Lord show me the way.

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way.

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way.

O mothers let's go down
Come on down, don't you wanna go
down?
Come on mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way.

O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way.

SENDING

- * Benediction

Perry Dixon

Notes for Today's Worship

ABOUT THE PREACHER

Perry Dixon is a third year student from Louisville, Kentucky. He enjoys novels, company, and fine drink.

MUSIC

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WORSHIP

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