Community Worship

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Davis Chapel

Gathering

*Opening Song: "It Started with an Idle Tale"

Centering

Invocation — Keri Gibbs (MDiv'18)

Litany of Remembrance — Abby Catoe (MDiv'18)

Let us remember and give thanks for faithful women of God, that their lives may inspire ours. For Miriam, prophet who led the women of Israel in rejoicing at their deliverance from Egypt; For the unnamed woman who acted as prophet and anointed Jesus before his burial; God of abundant life.

We give you thanks.

That we may claim our gifts of leadership and have courage to announce your truth by our words and actions, God of graceful power,

We offer our prayer.

For Joanna and Susanna, disciples who followed Jesus and supported him in his ministry; For Mary Magdalene, disciple and first witness to the Resurrection, who proclaimed the Good News; For women leaders in the early Church: for Phoebe, Prisca and Junia; God of abundant life,

We give you thanks.

That we and all your Church may follow Christ faithfully and bear witness to the good news of God in Jesus Christ, God of graceful power,

We offer our prayer.

For the woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years and dared to touch the hem of your garment; For the woman who had been bent over for eighteen years and came to you for healing; God of abundant life,

We give you thanks.

That we may recognize your healing grace and be healed from all that weakens or cripples us; That your healing grace may be with any who are sick or suffering;God of graceful powers,

We offer our prayer.

For women mystics of the Middle Ages: for Hildegard of Bingen, Teresa of Avila, and Julian of Norwich, who used many names and images to praise you and tell of your goodness and love; God of abundant life,

We give you thanks.

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That we may know you ever more deeply and praise you as one God with many names; God of graceful power,
We offer our prayer.

For the women of this country who fought against slavery and worked for justice for all people: for Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Eleanor Roosevelt, Rosa Parks; For the women who struggled for women's rights: for Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony; God of abundant life,
We give you thanks.

That we may be empowered to strive for justice and peace among all people; God of graceful power,
We offer our prayer.

That we may be faithful to the ministries to which you call us, God of graceful power,
We offer our prayer.

Life-giving God, you have healed and empowered women throughout all ages,
Grant that we may follow their examples and live faithfully as your people in the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Written by Dr. Ruth A. Meyers from the Women's Uncommon Prayers

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading (Luke 24:1-12)	Amy Leigh (MDiv'17) Rachel Revelle (MDiv'16) Angela Chavis (MDiv'16)
Liturgical Dance	Sophia Russell (MDiv'18)
Sermon	Crystal Rook (MDiv'15)

Responding

Spoken Word	Demi McCoy (MDiv'17)

*Closing Song: "Cuando el pueblo / When God's People"

Sending

*Benediction	Crystal Rook (MDiv'15)

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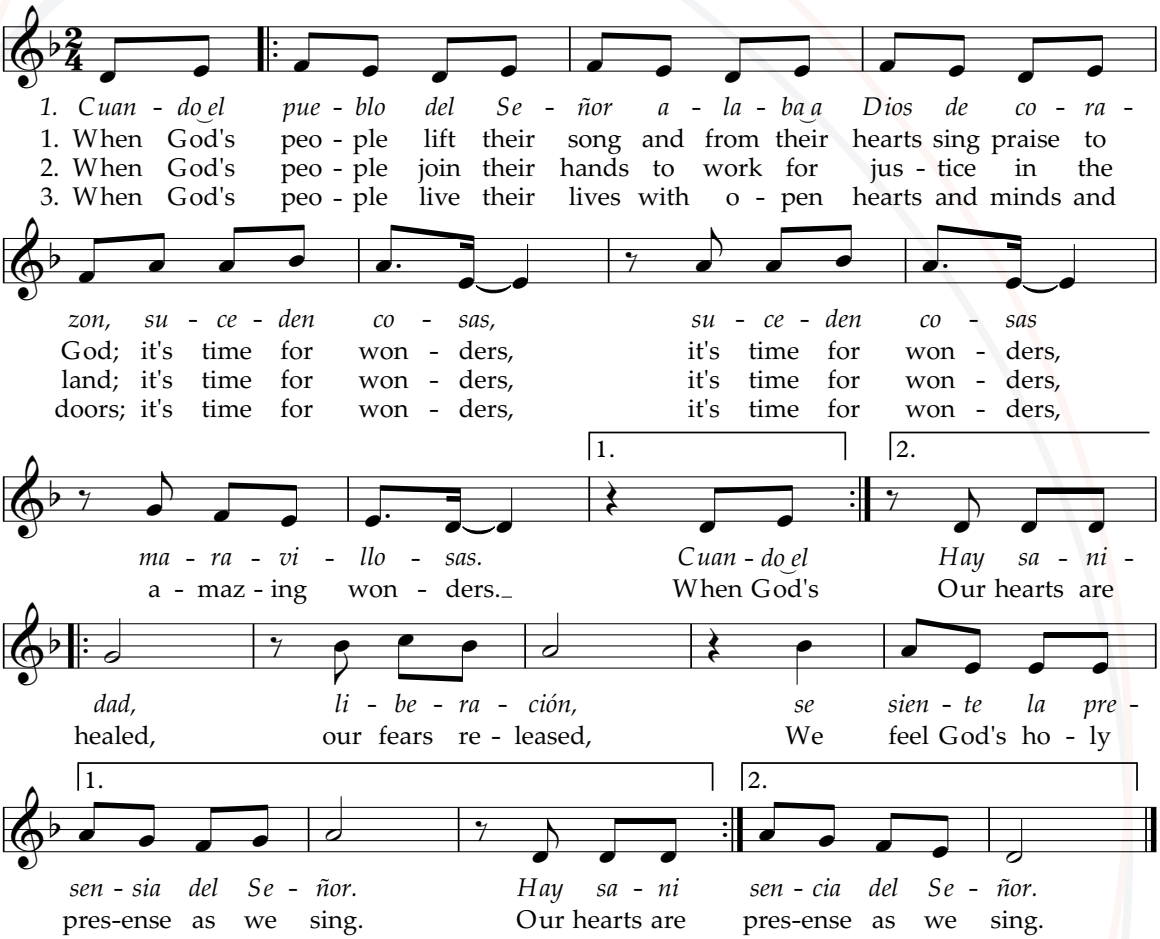
Cuando el pueblo / When God's People



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It Started with an Idle Tale

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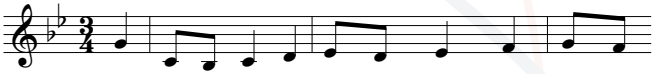
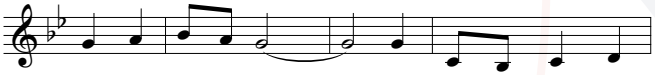
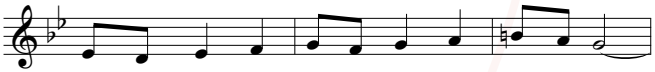


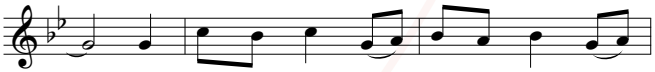
1. It start-ed with an "i - dle tale" of wom - en
2. It start-ed with a whis-pered prayer, a vig - il
3. It start-ed with a cry for change, a stur - dy
4. It start-ed with Be - at - i - tudes— now two mil -
5. It start-ed with a rush of tongues which mar-v'ling



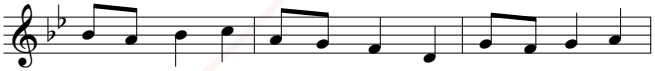
rush - ing from a tomb with won-drous news to
kept on Eas - ter eve, a per - se - cut - ed
vow of "Here I stand!" Loy - o - la, Lu - ther,
len - ni - a have sped, and still we thirst for
na - tions un - der - stood. To - day the Church still



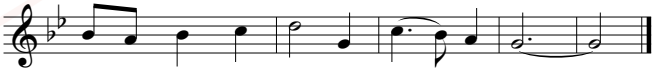
tell their friends a - wait-ing in an up - per room.
few who dared— to ut - ter bold - ly: "We be - lieve!"
all whose zeal spread gos - pel truth to dis - tant lands.
right - eous - ness, as hun - gry chil - dren yearn for bread.
hears God's call to be a force for glob - al good:



At Pen - te - cost, the tale burst forth from
Per - pe - tu - a and Pol - y - carp— their
Re - formed and yet re - form - ing still, as
The poor, the mourn - ing, and the meek, not
to tend the bruised and bleed - ing earth; to



fear - ful few to ea - ger throng: and now we join that
mar - tyrs' blood be - came the seed from which a - rose a
pas - tor, proph - et, priest, and pope, lay - men and wom - en—
yet in - her - i - tors of earth, we join our ear - nest
pray and work that war - fare cease, and Spir - it rec - on -



ris - en Church, bap - tized by fire and song!
host of saints, bap - tized by sword and creed.
we u - nite: bap - tized by faith and hope.
cause to theirs: bap - tized to bless - ed worth.
cile all flesh, bap - tized to love and peace.

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Notes for Today's Worship

About the Worship Leader

Women's Work is a fellowship of women who are passionate about womanhood, specifically in the ministry. It is a sacred space for women to share experiences as well as an opportunity for women to safely explore the power of their own voice.

Worship

Today's worship service was planned by Daniel Reese (MDiv'17), Anna Fleig (MDiv '17) and Abby Catoe (MDiv '18).

The altar design was created by Andria Williamson (MDiv '17).
The bulletin was designed by Christine Hargraves (MDiv '16).

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