

Traditional Order of Worship  
 February 26, 2023  
 Worship Series: Busy: Reconnecting to An Unhurried God  
 Message: The Right Tempo

Prelude	<i>Sanctuary</i>	June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Ministry Moment	Trustees Update	Jess Posey

Threshold Moment

Sing Verse 1 of Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead  
 Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
 Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
 All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Pastor: I invite you to a deep breath...  
 Just notice the feeling and give it some thought.  
 Let this simple act  
 be a sign of the commitment to give ourselves a break,  
 to give ourselves just an hour to catch our breath,  
 to give *ourselves* time to give God attention.

Pastor: Let us pray, making space for God in the busyness of our lives.

Pastor: Spacious God, we come today hoping for tools to sweep away the stress.

People: Let us *make* room for You.

Pastor: Nudge us in this time of worship to seek the things that really matter.

People: Let us *find* room for You.

Pastor: Help us to claim our own selves as a holy sanctuary where You dwell.

People: Let us *be* room for You.

Sing Verse 2 of Come and Find the Quiet Center

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base  
 Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
 Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Holy Lord,  
 as we enter this Lenten season,  
 we are reminded of our deep need to reconnect with You.  
 May Your hand guide us through the busyness of life  
 to find the sacred rhythm lived in Your love and grace;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

Sing Verse 3 of Come and Find the Quiet Center

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
 Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
 There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
 in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses  
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 But deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom,  
 And the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.

Offering

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Grace Notes

## \*Doxology

For time to savor God's good gifts  
 For space to breathe and hearts to lift  
 For ways to reach out and to give  
 We offer thanks and vow to live! AMEN

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Rachael Kahelin

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

## \*Hymn

*Be Still, My Soul*

UMH 534

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## \*Hymn

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

UMH 399

## \*Benediction

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## Postlude

*Servant Song*

June Shuffett