

**Contemporary Order of Worship**  
**March 26, 2023**  
**Worship Series: Busy: Reconnecting to An Unhurried God**  
**Message: A Time For Every Matter**

**Gathering** *Blessed Be Your Name*  
*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller**

**Ministry Moment** **A Disciple's Path** **Bruce Bartolain**

**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:** Let us pray a prayer of clearing out.

**Pastor:** Creator God, we push and push until we are exhausted.

**People:** Let us *make* room for You.

**Pastor:** Release us from the illusion of the control of time and our fear of its passage.

**People:** Let us *find* room for You.

**Pastor:** Help us clear out the incessant drive to always produce.

**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:** Ageless One,  
 who created time itself, and is sovereign over every passing moment,  
 be near to us in this moment.

Open our eyes to see that You do indeed have a time for every matter.  
 Help us to learn how to appreciate  
 the seasons of life lived in Your love. 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 Song

*I Surrender All*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Joana Arthur

Message

*A Time For Every Matter*

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Reception of New Member *Matthew Dodds*

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

**People:** With God's help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Matt with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be true disciple who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.

**Pastor:** Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**Pastor:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People:** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Pastor:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting.

**Pastor:** Members of the household of God, I commend Matt to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**People:** We give thanks for all God has already given you  
 and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

**\*Closing Song**

*Walk By Faith*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center (Reprise)*