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THE REV. PATRICIA FELLETTER  
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**Chimes and Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

*Bring Many Names*

CH10

**Hebrew Scripture**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Mitzie Baker

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

**Psalter**

Psalm 139

Carol Fineout

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

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and night wraps itself around me,<sup>[a]</sup>  
 even the darkness is not dark to you;  
 the night is as bright as the day,  
 or darkness is as light to you.  
 For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
 Wonderful are your works;  
 that I know very well.  
 My frame was not hidden from you,  
 when I was being made in secret,  
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
 In your book were written  
 all the days that were formed for me,  
 when none of them as yet existed.<sup>[b]</sup>  
 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
 How vast is the sum of them!  
 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
 I come to the end<sup>[c]</sup>—I am still with you.  
 O that you would kill the wicked, O God,  
 and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—  
 those who speak of you maliciously  
 and lift themselves up against you for evil!<sup>[d]</sup>  
 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?  
 And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
 I hate them with perfect hatred;  
 I count them my enemies.  
 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
 test me and know my thoughts.  
 See if there is any wicked<sup>[e]</sup> way in me,  
 and lead me in the way everlasting.<sup>[f]</sup>

\*Hymn

*Shall We Gather at the River*

CH701

**Gospel**

John 20:1-18

Rev. Barbara Libby

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look<sup>[a]</sup> into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir,<sup>[a]</sup> if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,<sup>[a]</sup> "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Poem**

*Did You Know the Tulip Died*  
David Lacoss, Wendy Felletter, and Susan Wells

**Reflection**

Rev. Joseph Blotz

**Lighting Candles of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn**

*Here I Am Lord*

CH452

**Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus**

**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.**

**\*Hymn**

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

CH2

**Closing Prayer**

Maggie Harris

**Commendation**

**Benediction**

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Postlude**

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