

# 2023 Summer Liturgy: Wrestling with Faith

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Nadia Bolz-Weber, “A sermon on faith and doubt,” Oct. 2, 2022

## **LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader:                   Come, worship the Holy One,  
who has searched us  
and knows us completely.

People:                   We come, seeking the One  
who knows our hearts,  
our thoughts, and all our ways.

Leader:                   Come, and offer your faith  
in the Holy Spirit, who is everywhere,  
in all things, and within us.

People:                   We come, following the way of Jesus,  
who takes our faith  
and uses it to move mountains.

Leader:                   Come, you faith-filled ones,  
confident, or doubting,  
or wrestling with faith.

All:                        The Holy Mystery of Love  
accepts us as we are,  
with the faith we bring today.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **HYMN**

## **WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

## **CONFESSION**

Leader:                   Persistent Nurturer of Faith,  
you invite us to step out from our boats  
and walk with you on water.

People:                   We are fearful that our faith is too small.







## **OFFERING**

*Whether you are here in person or attending on Zoom, offerings may be made by sending a check to the church or through PayPal by clicking on the Donate button on the Seekers website or at PayPal.Me/SeekersChurch. Those in the sanctuary are welcome to place their offerings in the plate on the altar.*

## **COMMUNION**

### PREPARATION

Leader 1:                This is the table of the heavenly feast,  
the joyful celebration of the people of God.

Leader 2:                We gather now as one body, joined around the  
table.

united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once.

All:                        Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven, we make one circle  
of knowing, believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1:    Holy Maker of all that is,  
we are thankful you have faith in us  
even when we do not have faith in ourselves.

People:                    We give thanks for Jesus,  
who taught us that the faith we have  
is already enough.

Leader 2:                We give thanks for



Spirit

that these gifts of grain and grape,  
and work of human hands  
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Unite us with Christ forever  
and bring us with the whole creation  
to your eternal realm.

#### SHARE THE ELEMENTS

As a sign of gathering in spirit while scattered, you may want  
to lift your bread and cup toward your camera.

Leader 1:               The body of Christ, broken for all of us.

Feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Leader 2:               The cup of the new covenant, poured out for  
the healing of the world.

Drink deeply of it.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All:                       God of abundance and mercy,

we give joyful thanks  
for your eternal love and healing presence  
in our celebration of bread and cup.

Bless this Body of Christ  
that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants,

with each other and throughout the world. Amen.

## **SHARED REFLECTIONS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **HYMN**

## ***BENEDICTION***

Leader:                    May your tongue tingle with the good news.

May your heart open

to all the people of the street.

And, when you are bent over by sorrow,

may you find the Spirit's feather on the ground

waiting there to give you hope.

And as you go out to wrestle with the faith of Christ,

may you greet everyone you meet with signs of peace.

All:    Amen.

## **RESOURCE**

Benediction based on text by Maren Tirabassi

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