

# Jubilee 2007 – Restoring Hope

October 28 – Advent, Year A December 2, 2007

GATHERING

ENTRANCE

REFLECTION

Life Is

Amazing

Baffling

Crazy

Devilish

Energizing

Fearful

Grueling

Hectic

Individual

Jovial

Kind

Loving

Muddled,

but by Jesus' help, clear

Nerve-racking

Optimistic

Peaceful  
Quiet  
Revealing  
Surprising  
Terrific  
Unpredictable  
Valuable  
eXciting  
Young  
Zany

Janet Sharp

Poetry of N Street Village 2007,

edited by Cynthia Dahlin, pg 8

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Restoring Hope, you call us home.

People: We expend our hope in service.

Leader: Your signs are all around us.

People: You leave us a bread crumb trail back to the path

you've laid out for us.

Leader: Restoring Hope, you renew us.

All: We are filled with restoring hope.

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN**

**WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

**SILENCE**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Leader: We reach for hope that frees us for God's call.

Voice 1: My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love.

Voice 2: When shadows fall, I rest on God's unchanging grace.

Leader: We welcome the restoring hope of Christ, bread for the journey of faith.

Voice 1: The love of Christ supports us in the rising flood of doubt.

Voice 2: My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love.

All: We reach for hope that frees us for God's call.

**SILENCE**

**PRAYERS**

**COMMON CONFESSION**

Leader: Life is baffling ... fear filled ... crazy ... devilish

People: Life is grueling ... nerve-wracking ... out of control

Leader: We close our eyes and lock up our hearts

All: Unwilling to bear the suffering of others or our own.

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE**

Leader: Out of the muddle of our lives,

the Holy One clears our eyes and opens our hearts  
restoring hope to all the world.

All: Amen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

UNISON PRAYER

All: Our Father-Mother in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from  
evil.

For the kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

SHARED REFLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN BENEDICTION

Leader: Hopeful Maker of muddles and mudpies,

Meld our messiness into your mystery.

Help us to go forth, restoring hope in the world.

People: Amen

### **Worship Resources**

Responsive Reading: Adapted from Hymn 403,

New Century Hymnal, *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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