

Order of Worship
July 15, 2011
Prayer Service for the WISC Community and Others

Prayers for a just budget that will create jobs and provide just compensation for all

- Gathering Music (over)
- Prayer Litany

Reader 1: Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor – let them be caught in the schemes they have devised. (Psalm 10:1-2)

Community: *The moral test of today's globalizing economy is whether it serves the human enterprise and the larger creation.*

Reader 2: We affirm that. . . God, who made heaven and earth, ... who keeps faith forever; ... executes justice for the oppressed; [and] ... gives food to the hungry. (Psalm 146:5-7)

Community: *As people encounter joblessness in our country, we pray that help, hope and healing are on the way. We ask that you move Congress and the President to see beyond politics to create jobs and a healthy economy that does not forget people living in poverty.*

Reader 3: . . . what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

Community: *Our love for the Creator of all life is the beginning of love of self and love for others. We are called to live in humble submission and service to our Creator. We pray that decision-makers find humility, so that justice and kindness may be hallmarks of their service.*

Reader 4: Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honor God. The wicked are overthrown by their evil-doing, but the righteous find a refuge in their integrity. (Proverbs 14:31-32)

Community: *We stand in solidarity with those who are unemployed, underemployed, without training, without education, and in need of support in this time. We pray that love for people will override political posturing. God of the ages, we ask for help in this time of trouble.*

Music – *Prayers of the People* (over)

Closing Prayer

Let the peace of God be with you! Let us pursue justice together in the name of the one who gives life, health, strength and prosperity.

Community: *Amen, Amen and Amen!*

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto
you
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto
you
Allelu, Alleluia

Prayers of the People

*This prayer is based on the idea of
solidarity with those who are suffering.
While we may not be hungry, homeless,
without healthcare, etc., we are praying
with those who are because if one
member of the Body of Christ suffers, all
suffer. If one has no healthcare, all are
without healthcare. (I Cor 12:26)*

We are hungry, oh, we are hungry
We are hungry, oh, we are hungry
We are man, woman, we are children and
oh, we are hungry

We are homeless...

Chorus:

Let the rains go, let the healing river flow
Let justice roll like water
Let the day begin when new life enters in
And let your Kingdom come

We have no healthcare...

We are praying...

Today We All Are Called to be Disciples of the Lord

1. Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

2. God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

4. May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.