



24th Annual Westberg Symposium

Closing Worship ~ September 19, 2010

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Deborah Patterson

Guest Preacher: Rev. Richard Ellerbrake

Leader: This is a space and a time for response to the One who has given us life and many gifts.

All: We will worship the living God, as we live out our call to preach, teach, and heal. Let us praise God's Holy Name together!



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a Sacred Space, a place of hope, and compassion, and courage.

All: These are challenging days, but we are people who believe in the living God.



Hymn of Praise – “Holy, Holy”

From Balm in Gilead: Hymns of Healing and Wholeness (St. Louis: International Parish Nurse Resource Center, 2010)



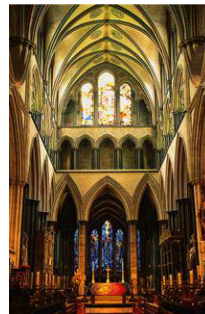
Music:
Donita Bauer
Director of Music
Evangelical United Church of Christ
Webster Groves, MO

Leader: This is a time of tumult and change, a time in which to stand and be counted.

All: These are changing times, but we are people who worship the living God.



A Time of Prayer



Scripture Reading – Mark 8:35



AFFIRMATION AND CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY



Hymn of Invitation: “What is the Name of the Wandering Stranger?”

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Leader: Parish nursing is a ministry....

All: ...to which one is called by the yearnings of one’s heart, by the will of the people of God, and by the purposes and promises of God.



SERMON “Thriving in a Changing World”

The Reverend Richard Ellerbrake
President Emeritus, Deaconess Health System
St. Louis, Missouri
Member, World Forum for Parish Nursing



Leader: Healing and wholeness....

All: ...is a way of being in relationship with our bodies, minds, and spirits, with our neighbors and creation, and with our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, and is woven through all the seasons of our lives.



Leader: We pledge to support our mutual journeys....



All: ...as we seek God and care for God's people in the specialty practice and ministry of parish nursing, and through the daily practice of prayer.

SHARING OF PARTING GIFT

SUNG RESPONSE:

Holy Spirit, Breathing Wisdom
Cloud of Mercy, Healing Love.

Sacred Spirit, Pure Compassion
Living Kindness, Strength of God.



Leader: We pledge to sustain our personal journeys...

All: ...as we seek the friendship and support of others in ministry, as we care for our own bodies, minds, and spirits, and loved ones, and as we stay in close relationship with God, from whom all good gifts are given.



Closing Hymn:

"I Am the Lord Who Will Guide You"

From Balm in Gilead: Hymns of Healing and Wholeness (St. Louis: International Parish Nurse Resource Center, 2010)



Leader: Bless us this day...

All: ...as we commit ourselves anew to ministries of healing and wholeness that our professional lives may bring life to those with whom we work, and for whom we care, now and forevermore. Amen.



Closing Benediction



WE DEPART...TO SERVE!!

