**Minutes of June 1, 2022 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

**In Attendance:** Adeline Bailey, Kat Hawbaker, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Maggie Meyer, Suzyn Mills, Annie Warmke

**Theme for 2020-2022: How can we be mindful and authentic in cherishing all life?**

Chalice Lighting: “Lamentations” by Mathew P. Taylor (Written to honor and pray for the ten people who were killed in the Buffalo, NY shooting)

Lamentations

Are the love language of the brokenhearted

Hurt and crying

For the living and dying

Lamentations are how the heart releases

The excess of emotion

Love

Anger

Disappointment

Sadness

Defeat

Desperation

Hope

Lamentations

Are the love language of Pandora’s box

Holding secrets

And truths

The gentle heart

The sensitive mind

The body in motion

Living

Sometimes loving

Always working

Lamentations

Are a way to be seen

And held

And heard

For once

So that the weeping

The stories behind the tears

Are not silenced.

1. Minutes of the May meeting were approved.
2. **Annie Warmke -- update on Homecoming Project**:

Dance Card to encourage outreach and reconnection. For a display, Jane Tumas-Serna is thinking of a map background with push pins to show where people who have been contacted live. Names of people contacted will be listed and then maybe later added to the display. Martha created boxes for the completed Dance Cards, now in Sanctuary, Social Hall, and RE Building entrance. Kat has provided the penny jar. Pennies will indicate number of contacts made; some have already been added to show contacts made by Annie, Roger, a committee member, and Martha. Annie and Martha have finalized the wording for the explanation of the Dance Card process. It will be in The Confluence for June and July, Weekly Updates, and OOS Announcements.

The events for the Homecoming Weekend have been determined:

Friday – Family Potluck Picnic, treasure hunt, game for all, tours of the church

Saturday – antique cars with sculpture and sculptors, potluck salad buffet, provided fruit and dessert

Sunday – worship service, social hour with baristas and music recorded by Randall Kidder, tours of the church

A postcard will be mailed out to the contact list with the schedule and appeal for volunteers to help with the events.

1. Assessment on progress with methods of increasing involvement: Probably the ones we need to attend to most are the **Greeters and Time for All Ages**.

* *Establishment of Greeter Team – Zoom and in-person:* Membership Committee with Elaine Barr as Chair is making progress of establishing clear duties for Greeters in the Sanctuary and on Zoom and to set up a schedule.
* Time for All Ages – team, schedule, suggested readings

*No Time for Mother’s Day* by Laurie Halse Anderson (Martha)

*I Am Golden* by Eva Chen (Martha – Migration - acceptance of Asian ethnicity)

*We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom (Martha – inspired by Native American legends and recent actions)

Cindy Burton may be available in July.

1. Correspondence: Martha
2. Financial Matters: The Committee approved the request from Randy to purchase piano music by Gurdjieff/de Hartmann, Volumes III and IV, 250 pages of music, available from Amazon $81.52. He has submitted the form. Funds come out of the Worship & Music regular operating budget.

The Committee also approved payment of $150 to Laurel Hobden, artist activist, who displayed her art and gave a reflection for the worship service on May 1, 2022. Annie will provide Laurel’s mailing information.

1. Reflection on recent service: May 29 – “Honoring All Who Serve”

What went well – The Committee members complimented Kat on a heartfelt service that addressed the complexity of Memorial Day and honored the service of the fallen while avoiding glorification of the violence of war and encouraged rededication to the work of peace-making.

What to improve, change –

Coordination of story reading/telling and projected images: provide detailed script to Tech Team, streamline mechanics of showing images to young people up front

Communicating Start of Service: Play recorded Call to Worship music as placards are shown on screens/ZOOM and perhaps add bold image or color on placard that states that the service is about to begin. Perhaps add sound (gong, church bells, chime).

Joys and Sorrows after service has drawn to close: Have clear segment with opening statement, sharing, closing statement, perhaps second benediction, invite attendees to continue sharing/conversations in Social Hall during Coffee Hour.

Making Exit from Sanctuary less awkward: Play recorded Going Forth Music briefly as attendees begin to exit the Sanctuary.

1. Need to talk with other groups (Board of Trust Governors, Caring Committee, Building & Grounds, Membership, BRIDGES) about taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service?

Need to organize a committee recharge or committee fair event?

**FUTURE Worship Services**

**April Choir:** Benedicta Es (“Blessed Be”) by Chris Carol, arranged by Susan Schleef

“A Hundred Years Hence” Frances Dana Barker Gage

*2 – Ramadan*

**3** Kat Homecoming: The Power of Giving & Service

*10 – Palm Sunday*

**10** Kat Sing Out Praises for the Jour

*15 – Good Friday, Passover*

*17 – Easter*

**17** Kat Raise Your Hands in Praise

*22 – Earth Day*

**24** Green Sanctuary WL: Rebecca Phillips

**May Choir** – “Tumekuja Kuimba” (We Have Come to Sing!) words & music by Lynn Zettlemoyer

**1** Homecoming: Art, Music, Maypole

*8 – Mothers Day*

**8** Parent Day – Suzyn Mills

**15** Art & the Amazing Month of May – art as revealer, conveyer of messages

**22** Kat –Moving inMigration

**29** Kat –Honoring All Who Serve (Service In and Out of Uniform)

*30 – Memorial Day*

Potential Services:

June 5: icons in oos all month ??

June 26: How to Be an Anti-Racist GA Ware Lecture

July : Geoff Schenkel -- Nancy Luthy is checking

July or August: Carol Steinhagen on Concept of Home – Martha is checking

August 21, 28: Braiding Sweet Grass panel – Adeline Bailey is checking

??? **[Timber Hawkeye, Buddhist Boot Camp]**  Kelcey Jacobs

??? - “LGBTQ: I Am Who I Am” – Wayne Waldeck & Lee Rector

??? - Holy Books – Shavuot, Judaism The Torah

PATTERN: 1st Sunday – Homecoming, 2nd Sunday – Social Justice, 3rd Sunday – Green Sanctuary

**JUNE**

**5** Flower Communion, Homecoming: Michele Wilson “How to Be an Ally”

**12** “Where Will You Be?” Reflections on Dangers Facing LGBTQIA+ Americans

Jeanne Peters & Kim Williams WL: Andrew Clovis

*19 – Fathers Day*

**19** Multicultural Festival – Interfaith Service, Booth (combine Condor & Eagle & FUUSM)

**26** Woven in a Single Garment of Destiny – video worship service Rev. Susan

Frederick-Gray

**JULY**

**3** Homecoming: Lace Lynch on Nahum Ward: Man of Principle (video)

**10 Recorded** GA Worship Service

**17**

**24**

**31 Homecoming –** Interactive Experience:Photo Projection with Meditations &

Responses to 3 Questions (past, present, future)

**AUGUST [Kat away August 19 – back for September 4 service]**

**7 Overview and Retrospective on Homecoming Experience**

**14** Danielle Thrasher on Trans

**21** [no Kat]

**28** [no Kat]

**SEPTEMBER**

**4** Labor Day -

**11 Water Ceremony**

**18**

**25** Forgiveness **Rosh Hashanah** New Year’s Day, first of Ten Days of Awe

**Yom Kippur – Oct. 4-5**

“So You’ve Been Canceled: A Yom Kippur Atonement Guide” – New York Times, Rabbi David Wolpe of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles