

7th Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021

A worship service created in response to anti-Asian violence

PRELUDE

River (from *Sketches of Water*) — Hon Ki Cheung, 2014

The River

I am the river that sings to people at midday.

I sung before their graves.

I turn my face towards those sacred spaces.

-The River, by Javier Heraud, tr. Timothy Allen

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CALL TO RETURN TO OUR SOULS Scott

That God,
Who dwells in your hand,
Knows this secret plan!
Of the things
God will do for the world,
Using your hands!
Love is creation raised to a higher degree.
—Tohoyiko Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader

#668 Glory to God Hymnal: Golden Breaks the Dawn (China)

CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

Pastor: With Gandhi, we confess the seven deadly sins (repeat each line after pastor.)

**ALL: Wealth without work.
 Pleasure without conscience.
 Science without humanity.**

**Knowledge without character.
Politics without principle.
Commerce without morality.
Worship without sacrifice
Amen.**

—Mahatma Gandhi, India

#311 Glory to God Hymnal: Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather (Japan)

Bible readings: Amos 5:14-15 Proverbs 6:16-19 1 John 2:9-11 Neal Long

SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

#615 Glory to God hymnal: Praise to the Lord (Korea)

Message SCOTT #Anti-Asian Hate—Becoming a Spiritual and Community Ally

**#789, Glory to God hymnal: Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come
(Pakistan/India)**

WELCOME

Anthem

Let's Reach a New Height—Chen Yi

Pale sun goes down the hill,

Yellow River flows to the sea.

To get a grander sight,

Let's reach a new height.

Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Congregational Response

#292 Glory to God Hymnal: As the Wind Song (Singapore)

OFFERTORY

Red Bean Poem—Liu Xue'an (1905-1985)

Heyu Sun, soprano; Dr. Neal Long, piano

*Dripping endlessly the blood and tears of missing and longing like throwing out the red beans.
Blooming ceaselessly the spring willow and the spring flowers filled the painting- like storied building.
After the sunset, the unstable sleep was caused by the wind and rains outside of the screened windows.
Couldn't forget the new worries and the old sorrow.
Couldn't swallow down the jade like grains and the gold like liquid, and was choked all over the throat.
Couldn't see the reflection of the thinness of the appearance in the trapa natan shape mirror.
Couldn't stretch out the eyebrows.
Suffered through hours marked by the unclear water clock.
Just like the unconcealed indistinct blue mountain,
Endlessly flowing unhurried green water.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Scott (repeat lines after leader)

Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love. Amen. —Lao Tzu

Closing Hymn

#383, Glory to God Hymnal: Dream On, Dream On (Korea)

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE

549 Glory to God Hymnal: May the Love of the Lord (China)

POSTLUDE

Mejangeran (traditional Indonesian)—arr. for piano by Christopher Norton