

May 12, 2024|
Worship Guide

Welcome

Rev. Ann Willet

Centering Music

Improvisation on *O virtus Sapientie*

Larry McCain

Hildegard Von Bingen

O Wisdom's energy! Whirling, you encircle and everything embrace in the single way of life. Three wings you have: one soars above into the heights, one from the earth exudes, and all about now flies the third. Praise be to you, as is your due, O Wisdom.

Invitation to Worship

Darryl Leavitt & Donna Johnson Bailey

Donna speaking as Hildegard Von Bingen

We have lighted these candles as symbols of God's compassion which comes to us like a mother's love,

Embrace us, Mother-God, and teach us the ways of truth and justice.

O Ecclesia - O Church! "I saw a certain brightness like transparent crystal, lighting up the image of a woman. And I heard a voice from heaven saying 'This is the flowering on the celestial Sion, Mother of the church.' In her arms are a great tumult of persons brighter than the sun, and with them are the lyres and musicians who play them and every type of music and the voice of perfect merriment and the joy of joys."

We celebrate today the saint from long ago whose works and visions enlighten us and inspire us with words like these.

Opening Song

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

NORWICH

Words by Jean Janzen

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

*Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering
me your food of light,
grain...of life, and grape of love, your very
body for my peace.*

*Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of
patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower,
until I know.*

Children's Lesson

LauraMay Sorkin George

Senior Recognition

Julian Villamar-Robbins and Madeleine
Wilmoth

Reading

Hildegard Von Bingen

Call to Prayer

Hildegard Von Bingen

O ignee Spiritus laus tibi

Qui in timpanis et citharis operaris

O fiery Spirit, praise to you,

who on the timpani and lyre work and play.

By you the human mind is set ablaze,
the tabernacle of its soul contains its strength,

and ev'ry creature, as it takes its life from you,

returns to you its praise.

Now deign to gather us, to draw us all to you.

Prayer

Darryl Leavitt

Our Common Prayer

Blessed One, Holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

A Narrative: "Her-Story"

Rev. Kathie Johnson

Song of the Day

She Comes Sailing on the Wind

***She comes sailing on the wind, her
wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight, her
song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies
on.***

Reading

Hildegard Von Bingen

“Her-Story”

Rev. Kathie Johnson

Illuminating Scripture

Hildegard Von Bingen

Scripture

from Psalm 1, Hosea 14, and John 15

Ellen Key

*I am like an evergreen cypress; your
faithfulness comes from me. Those who
are wise understand these things; those*

who are discerning know them. For the ways of Yahweh are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them. . . Those who take their delight in the laws of Yahweh are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. . . I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Chant

O Branch of Freshest Green

Northaven Choir

Hildegard von Bingen

Homily

A Woman's Vision

Rev. Ann Willet

Reading

Hildegard Von Bingen

Sharing of Our Gifts

Ellen Key

Offertory

*Hildegard Organ Cycle No. VIII: The
Effect of Love*

Larry McCain

Frank Ferko - *a contemporary reflection
on a Hildegard Chant*

Closing Song

Let All Things Now Living

THE ASH GROVE

Text by Katherine K. Davis

***Let all things now living a song of
thanksgiving***

***To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected
and stayed us,***

***Who guides us with care to the end of
our days.***

***God's banners are o'er us, God's light
goes before us,***

***A pillar of fire shining forth in the
night,***

***'Til shadows have vanished and
darkness is banished,***

*as forward we travel from light into
light.*

*God rules all the forces: the stars in
their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers
and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God
divine,
We too should be voicing our love and
rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us
raise,
'Til all things now living unite in
thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and
praise.*

Benediction

Rev. Ann Willet

Response to the Benediction

Hildegard Von Bingen

Benedicamus Domino. Deo Gratias

Blessing and thanks be to God.

Sending Forth

*O ignis Spiritus Paracliti - a contemporary
take*

Richard Souther

*O fire of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
life of the life of every creature*