CONTEMPLATIVE PRERECORDED SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.

Officiant: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys | Musician: Ben Minden-Birkenmaier, guitar

Virtual Congregation: Please join the Officiant and the Musician in silence and for the lighting of candles including any candles you may light wherever you are.

Welcome The Officiant

After the sound of a bell

Music for Meditation: Gran Vals Francisco Tarrega

The Collect

The Meditation offered by The Officiant followed by 30 seconds of silence started and ended with the sound of a bell

Praise the Rain, Joy Harjo
Praise the rain, the seagull dive
The curl of plant, the raven talk—
Praise the hurt, the house slack
The stand of trees, the dignity—
Praise the dark, the moon cradle
The sky fall, the bear sleep—
Praise the mist, the warrior name
The earth eclipse, the fired leap—
Praise the backwards, upward sky
The baby cry, the spirit food—
Praise canoe, the fish rush
The hole for frog, the upside-down—
Praise the day, the cloud cup
The mind flat, forget it all—

Praise crazy. Praise sad.
Praise the path on which we’re led.
Praise the roads on earth and water.
Praise the eater and the eaten.
Praise beginnings; praise the end.
Praise the song and praise the singer.

Praise the rain; it brings more rain.
Praise the rain; it brings more rain.
Music for Meditation: Prelude (BWV 998)  
Candles may be lighted. After the music has ended and the sound of a bell, all say  

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be offered in the silence of our hearts

The Blessing
And now, the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Music for Meditation: Fugue (BWV 998)  
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Dismissal The service concludes with the sound of a bell and silence.