

Healdsburg Community Church  
8:15 am service order  
August 2, 2020

Gathering: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

[Psalm 19](#)

Centering time & Preparation for the word

Hearing God's Word: [1 Peter 3:8-18](#)

Responding to God's Word through Prayer

*Today's prayer comes from the Iona Community in Scotland.*

O God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surround by self-interested religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross. Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we have wounded, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of our selves.

*Silence.*

To all and to each, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Blessing