

The United Methodist Church of Summit

May 23, 2021
A Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving for the Reeves Memorial Garden

Prelude

Voluntary on "This is My Father's World"

Greeting

Rev. Christina Lelache

Opening Prayer

Hymn

"In the Garden" (Hymn 314)

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)

Scripture

Genesis 28:10-13, 15-19

Reflection

Blessing for the Reeves Memorial Garden

Hymn

"What Gift Can We Bring" (Hymn 87)

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary on "Amazing Grace"

In the Garden
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