

# Drawn In

LIVING THE CREATIVE LIFE WITH GOD

Sermon Series Begins  
January 10, 2021



Sunday, January 17, 2021

**Prelude** *Sonata of Love* Jessica Bollinger  
(arranged by Don Wyrzten)

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Rachel Carosiello

## “Let Us Be Drawn In Melody” & Call to Worship

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Leader: Let your love be a given

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Leader: Hovering is the creative posture of taking a moment to see the “big picture.” In a world of quick fixes and instant gratification, we sometimes want to skip the step of paying quiet attention to this question: “What one thing do we need to focus on now?” Clearing the decks in order to give ourselves space and time to think, to ruminate, to consider what is necessary, feels like a luxury but in fact both creativity experts and Jesus point to the importance of taking reflective time. The “project” of our lives and work in the world as Christians depends upon this as well. If you didn’t feel that you have to do or fix EVERYTHING, what ONE thing would you work on at this point in your life? What do you feel drawn to?

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Leader: Let us pray together:

**All: Hovering God, you are as close as the air we walk through and breathe. Open us to stop and feel your presence this day so that we might learn what you would have us to do in the midst of so much to do. Draw us into your quiet patience. Give us the courage to wait. Amen.**

**Hymn** *His Name Is Wonderful* UMH #174  
*His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

**Offertory** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Jessica Bollinger  
(arranged by Kenon Renfrow)

**An Imaginative Word: “Bedsread Forts” by SARK** Rev. Rachel Carosiello  
“Remember the safety of a good fort? Bedsreads draped across chairs, weighted down by giant books, with a tunnel leading under the card table. Maybe there was a hole in one of the bedsreads, put there so you could peer out, unseen. You might pass a stack of comic books and a row of cookies into your fort, and stay there all day in the dull glow of bedsread light. The fort was your refuge, your secret spot. The interior untouched by adult hands or eyes. It was a world you built for yourself. What if we could remember to build a world of forts make with blankets? Where we each had time to focus, to hover, in the quiet, dull glow of bedsread light?”

**Scripture Reading** **Luke 4:1-13** Lorraine Jones  
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Message** **Hover** Rev. Rachel Carosiello

**Invitation to Creativity & Prayer with Goodness of God** Rev. Rachel Carosiello  
**All: [hum or sing softly] I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me. All my days, I’ve been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head, oh I will sing of the goodness of God. All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.**  
(Leader leads the congregation in prayer)

**All: [hum or sing softly] I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In the darkest night, You are close like no other. I’ve known You as a Father. I’ve known You as a Friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God. All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.**