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Welcome Prayer

Pastoral prayer by
Clarke Dewey Wells

setting for SATB chorus, a capella

Duration: ca. 3 minutes
(2013)

Welcome to this house of continuity,
 sacred memories, aspirations, hope.
A place of anchorage, criterion, perspective;
 open to larger resources of mind and spirit,
Acknowledging mystery,
 reflecting a glory beyond our own devising.
A place of peace and deep quiet
 to invite the centering of our souls.

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for Susan Swaney

and the choir of the

Unitarian Universalist Church

of Bloomington, Indiana

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Warm, inviting (♩ = ca. 60, freely)

Musical score for the first section of the Welcome Prayer, featuring four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The music is in common time, with key changes indicated by clef and key signature changes. Dynamics include *mf*, *mp*, and *p*. The lyrics are:

Wel-come to this house of con-ti - nu - i-ty, sa-cred
Wel-come, wel-come, wel-come to this house
Wel-come, wel-come, wel-come to this house, wel-come,
Wel-come, wel-come, wel-come to this house, wel-come,

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Musical score for the second section of the Welcome Prayer, continuing from measure 5. The music is in common time, with key changes indicated by clef and key signature changes. Dynamics include *mf*, *p*, *mp*, and *mf*. The lyrics are:

mem-o-ries, as-pi-ra-tions, hope. Wel - come, wel-come,
Wel-come to this house. Wel-come, wel-come,
Wel-come to this house, A place of an - chor-age, cri -
A place of an - chor-age, cri -

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wel-come to this house,

wel-come to this house, wel-come to this house,

te - ri-on, per - spec - tive;

O - pen to lar - ger re - sour - ces of

te - ri-on, per - spec - tive;

O - pen to lar - ger re - sour - ces of

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wel-come,

Ac-knowl-ed-ging mys - ter-y,

wel-come,

Re-reflect-ing a

wel-come,

mind and spir-it,

mind and spir-it,

mind and spir-it,

mind and spir-it,

Re-reflect-ing a

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glo - ry be-yond our own de - vis-ing.

A place of peace,

Wel-come, wel - come,

wel-come to this house,

Wel-come, wel - come,

wel-come to this place of peace, a place of

glo - ry be-yond our own de - vis-ing.

A place of peace,

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p > pp p p p > pp

mf

To in - vite the
wel-come to this house,
wel-come,
To in - vite the
wel-come to this house,

peace, and quiet.
and deep quiet.
qui - et.
wel-come, wel-come,
To in - vite the
wel-come, wel-come,
To in - vite the
wel-come to this house,

f f = mf = p mp

mf

cen - ter-ing of our souls. Wel - come.
wel-come, wel - come. come Wel - come.
cen - ter-ing of our souls. Wel - come.
wel-come, f = mf = p mp
Wel - come.

mp = p

mf > mp = p

p

mp = p mp = p

Wel - come.
Wel - come.
Wel - come.
come.
Wel - come.
Wel - come.
Wel - come.