

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2022

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of righteousness, truth, and justice, you judged your people according to the statutes delivered to Moses. We praise you for the mercy of Christ's intercession. In Christ's name we gather and are assured of your presence. We bow in adoration and sing to your glory. Your Word is proclaimed for our guidance and nurture. Look now with favor on our worship, as in Christ we seek to be faithful. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

"Jesus, We Are Here"

Patrick Matsikenyiri, 1990

Jesus, we are here for you. Welcome, Jesus.

Jesus, we are here for you.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This day! This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

People: This day! This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

Leader: This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

People: This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

Leader: This day! This day we sing God's praises, testifying to all creation of our God.

People: This day! This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

***Hymn**

"I Danced in the Morning"

#157

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*read in unison*)

We confess that our lives weaken us, strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so we tire easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope, and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families rather than shouting our praises to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, tender God. Forgive us and create in us new hearts. Fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Rather than remaining white hot ... spirits with hope and joy.

People: This day! This day we give thanks to God, who is our strength and our salvation. Praise God! Amen.

***Response Hymn** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1)

#610

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Choir Anthem

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Tom Trenney, 2020

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Digging Wells”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967 (9.50)

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially

music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.

***Hymn** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #645

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

***Response** Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" #338

*Charge and Blessing

***Congregational Response** "We Are the Church"

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the accompaniment for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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***Postlude** "Trumpet Tune in C" arr. Jacob B. Weber

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Organist: Carol Welk

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