

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2022

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God Most High, you have made the font of baptism to be the womb from which we are reborn in the waters of life. Grant that all who have been born of water and the Spirit may live in Christ as the first fruits of the new humanity, leading others to hope in the rebirth of your whole creation and to serve you with joy, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Stephanie Mack

Introit

"Introit on *The Westminster Chimes*"

John Lloyd, 1996

Bells: Ken and Dot Morlock, Kelly Armfelt

All through this hour, Lord, be my guide,
That by thy power no foot shall slide.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Today the Spirit makes us one,

People: United for life by the water and the Word.

Leader: Reborn in one Spirit,

People: Reborn in one hope,

Leader: Drenched in grace, bathed in love.

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Leader: One God and Father of us all,

People: One who is above all, and through all, and in all.

***Hymn**

“These Treasured Children”

#487

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

Just and merciful God, as we consider the sacrament of baptism, the symbol of your cleansing grace and of our reception into the worldwide church of your Son, we are painfully conscious of the distance between your holiness and our humanity. We fail to love even our loved ones consistently and constructively. We disclaim responsibility for the misery of stricken strangers, unwanted children, the homeless, and the elderly poor.

By our participation in this sacrament of acceptance and welcome, help us to become more accepting and welcoming toward others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord, whose invitation to the waters of baptism and to renewal of spirit includes all your children. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Choir Anthem

“In My Quiet Place”

Dottie Pickering, 2019

Oboe: Thomas Lloyd

In my quiet place, where God is there, I long to go and pray,
And to talk with him who loves me so and guides me day to day.
In my quiet place, I sit and think and wonder what to do,
With all the worries of the world, he’ll always lead me through.

In my quiet place, he whispers, in the music, there's a song.
In the dimness, there's a light aglow, showing God's there all along.
In my quiet place, I love to go, to talk to God above,
I can hear him speak and always there's a deep and gentle love.

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Watermark”

Rev. Désirée Youngblood

The Response to the Word

*Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Psalm 42”

Benedetto Marcello, 1686-1739

Soloists: Christine Yost, Thomas Lloyd

As pants the wearied hart when heated in the chase,
So longs my soul for thee, O my God.
Seeking thy grace, art thou cast down my soul.
Trust thou in God, thine aid.
He then will help thee. His strength support thee,
When shall I come before thee, O Lord, my God.
O hear my crying, thou hast forsaken,
So does my soul thirst; thou hast forgotten.
When shall I come before the Lord, my God.

*Response

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1)

#708

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Hymn

“Now There Is No Male or Female”

#493

Presentation

Pastor: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: ... just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

People: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Pastor: Obeying the word of our Lord ... Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Douglas by word and deed, with love and prayer?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage Douglas to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

People: We will.

***Profession of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, Eternal God ... To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Baptism

Laying On of Hands and Anointing

Welcome

Clerk of session: Douglas... With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Clerk of session: Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others.

People: Amen. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

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***Charge and Blessing**

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



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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***Postlude** "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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Steve Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Carol Sue Ames