

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

There is none like you O God. You are full of majesty and grace. Forgive me, God, for any help I failed to give, when it would have been so easy to give it. Take control of my life and create a heart of the kind of person you hoped me to be. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship / Psalms 64**

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

People: my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,

Leader: as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

People: my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

ALL: in your name I will lift up my hands.

***Hymn**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

#749

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts to what is beautiful and good, and to what is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn and find we withdraw in our negative frame of mind. We create divisions without love. We do not turn to you as a positive source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and multiply the spirit of love in becoming imitators of Christ. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “Spirit of the Living God” #288

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

Special Music “Shall We Gather at the River” arr. Charles Callahan, 2002
Laura Madden, flute soloist

Second Scripture Reading

Gospel of Luke 12:49-56

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Strange Fire”

Pastor Steve Watters

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** (*read in unison*)

The Apostles' Creed

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 again 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.

***Hymn**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

#353

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**

“Be Thou My Vision”

#450

***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 (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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*Postlude "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" arr. David N. Johnson

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Liturgist: Connie Dwyer

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Organist: Carol Welk