

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Be Still, My Soul”

Jean Sibelius, 1899

played on pipes from the 1901 church organ

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Stand firm in the word of the Lord.

People: Let us call on God, our help.

Leader: Continue in the truth of the gospel.

People: Let us pray and not lose heart. Let us worship God.

***Hymn**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

#469

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

Righteous God, we distort far too easily the truth and wisdom that you have set before us. We listen when it is easy; we ignore what is hard. We select what is convenient to hear and expedient to do; we give up when life is difficult. We find ways to feel good about our prejudices and make excuses for our failures. Holy One, have mercy on us. Set your truth firmly before us until we see, and having seen, truly become the people of Jesus' Way. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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

Psalm 119:97-104

Choir Anthem

"Psalm 100"

Hal Hopson, 1988

(refrain) Shout for joy to God all the earth,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Enter God's gates giving thanks, and the courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord, and bless God's name. (refrain)

The Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

God is faithful from age to age. (refrain)

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism (4.117)

Leader: What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

People: First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God’s majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

***Hymn**

“Seek Ye First”

#175

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**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#465

***Charge and Blessing**

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and common time. 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!".

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*Postlude

“St. Denio Variations”

John Lloyd, 1999

Pastors: Rev. Désirée Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Flowers: The flowers are given by Désirée Youngblood and Mark Johnson in celebration of the anniversary of Devin’s adoption

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Thomas Lloyd

Acolyte: Devin Griggs