

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey in this world and know at last the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. AMEN.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"I Love to Tell the Story"

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Abbey Stonerock, PCC

Introit

"Be Still and Know That I Am God"

John Bell, 1989

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

People: **That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Choir Anthem

“Come and Follow Me”

Robert Cohen, 2017

Follow, come and follow me,

Leave all that you have behind,

All my blessings you will find.

I'll show you the way to Life,

Let your heart just believe that my peace will end your strife.

Follow, come and follow me,

See the miracles I do,

Greater things I'll do through you.

Let your praise my Love proclaim,

Come, my true servants be, spread through all the world my name.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“I Can't Hear My Calling Through All the Noise!”

Pastor Steve Watters

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's 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** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" #316

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (v. 6) #108

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "Fight the Good Fight" #846

***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 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** "In Thee Is Gladness" arr. Diane Bish

Pastors: Steve Watters
Dr. Mark A. Johnson
Liturgist: Kelly Armfelt

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd
Organist: Carol Welk
Acolyte: Devin Griggs