

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

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

Meditation before Worship

Loving God of overflowing blessings, you know us and you see us and, despite all that, you love us with an endurance and a depth that we do not understand. Remind us, God, to trust in your love, and let it shelter and soothe us in all our need. Encourage us to have hope through your love, and affirm that your love outlasts our troubles and will not let them overcome us. Inspire us to persevere, sustained by the strength of your love to build a life that honors you. Rescue us from the difficulties of our world or inside ourselves that would distance us from you. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"The Solid Rock"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

PCC Reading Awards

Stephanie Huddleston

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 15)**

Leader: Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

People: But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?

Leader: "I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

People: We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

***Hymn**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#726

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage. This we pray through Jesus Christ, who comes to save. 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

Psalm 71:1-6

Special Music “A Medieval Alleluia”

arr. John Lloyd, b. 1938

Thomas Lloyd, oboe / Mark E. Johnson, tambourine

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism (4.055)

Leader: What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

People: First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

***Hymn**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

#761

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**

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

#691

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

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*Postlude "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" arr. Anna Laura Page

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 Dr. Mark A. Johnson

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Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Connie Dwyer