

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, you have brought our ancestors up from Egypt and redeemed them from the house of slavery. You have sent before them Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to guide them along their journey of faith. You have taught us, O God, what we should bring you. You do not want our burnt offerings, thousands of rams, or ten thousands of rivers of oil. What you expect from us is to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you in all we do. We humbly enter your sanctuary to give you all glory and honor. AMEN.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

William Rowan, 1992

"Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;
Come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest."

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hear what the Lord requires of members of the family of God:

People: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Hear what Jesus taught about participation in the kingdom of
God:

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Let us be true to our calling to follow Christ.

People: Let us worship God.

***Hymn**

“In the Garden”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat someone with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word than to take the risk of keeping it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander that we speak about those around us. Yet you are wise enough to forgive our foolishness; you are strong enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt that we cause to you and to others. And so you offer us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: What has God done for us—shown mercy! What has God done for us—forgiven us! This is the good news for us.

People: We will not boast because it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.

***Response**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 15

Invitation to Offering

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

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #835

*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** "Deck Thyself with Joy and Gladness" arr. David N. Johnson

Pastors: Rev. Désirée Youngblood
Steve Watters

Liturgist: Kelly Armfelt

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Devin Griggs