

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

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

Meditation before Worship

God of all nations, you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth. Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love. Appoint us as heralds of your mercies that are new every morning. Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom, where destruction and violence are no more, where suffering and wars shall cease. Through our worship empower us to be sent out as bearers of your hope in a hurting world; through Christ. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

"Duet: Allegro"

G. P. Telemann, 1681-1767

Ruth Gorman, flute Thomas Lloyd, oboe

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Raphael Tapestries

Connie Dwyer

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

Leader: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end.

Leader: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!

***Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#39

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Often all of this darkness weighs us down with doubt and guilt and despair. We confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith and don’t have the courage to trust in you. Forgive us. Fill our hearts with the assurance of your love and renew our courage through your Holy Spirit. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts—the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline—that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and become partners in bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Choir Anthem

“Jubilate Deo”

Dudley Buck, 1839-1909

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God.
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

And into his courts with praise,
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 137

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Taking Back the Night”

Rev. Désirée Youngblood

The Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge

one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1)

#708

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by using the cups in the pews. The communion wafer is in the package on top of the cup. Gluten free bread may be found on the communion table.)

***Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

***Hymn of Invitation** “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

#506

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks and praise ... your heavenly chorus to sing:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: We give you thanks ... Through Christ our peace we pray. Amen.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

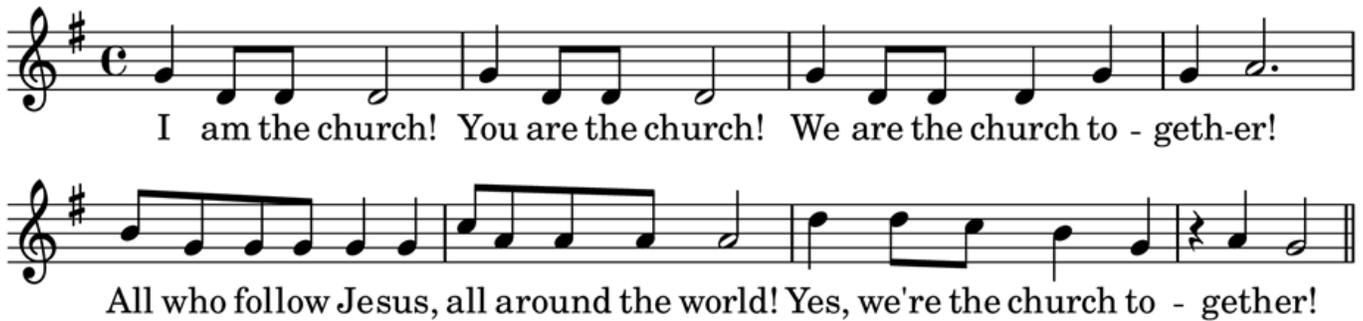
We give you thanks, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament. Fill us with a hunger for justice and a thirst for what is right until all people may taste and see your goodness. Through Jesus Christ, the bread of life, we pray. Amen.

The Sending of God's People

*Closing Hymn "For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits" #89

*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 - geth-er!

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*Postlude "When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified" arr. Anna Laura Page

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Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Devin Griggs

**About this morning's anthem: In late spring 1872, the editor of the Madison County Democrat newspaper wrote: If you want to hear a good choir sing some fine classical music, go to the Presbyterian Church. Special emphasis was placed on a performance of the "Jubilate Deo" (O be joyful in Lord) by American composer Dudley Buck. This morning our Sanctuary Choir will sing that same music from 150 years ago.