

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Loving God, in your providence and care we believe the best things are yet to come. Fill us with your grace—brimming over—so that we may taste and see your glory at the marriage feast of heaven and earth. This we pray through Christ, living water and true vine. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Praised Be Thou, Jesus Christ"

-- J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our God, whose steadfast love fills the universe, rejoices in our presence here.

People: **How precious is your steadfast love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: God breaks through the silences of our lives and calls us by a new name.

People: **With you, O God, is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.**

Leader: God blesses us with varieties of spiritual gifts and inspires us to use them well.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God, and your faithfulness extends to the heavens. Let us praise our God with joy and offer our gifts for his glory.**

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon***Call to Confession*****Prayer of Confession**

God of glory, God of joy, God whose will is found in wonderful times shared together in weddings, baptisms, birthdays, anniversaries, potlucks, and pastimes, who desires that the happiness of our fellowship should have no end, why have we sought to put roadblocks in the way of that which is good, foiling fun whenever possible, and insisting on a gospel of gloom and darkness that is not good news? Forgive us for forgetting that your destiny of joy is meant to be experienced now, even if only through a glass darkly. Send us forward to serve happily where things seem darkest so that your light may shine the world over. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon**Response**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Ministry of the Word**Prayer for Illumination****First Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Choir Anthem

“For the Music of Creation”

Musical setting: Jeremy J. Bankson, Tom Trenney, 2019

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,
For your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!

 Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,

 Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,

 Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,

 Lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,

Worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet;

Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!

Second Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Cana Grace”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967 (9.17)

God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

***Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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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**

Doxology

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***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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***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** "In Christ Called to Baptize"

-- arr. Wilbur Held

Pastors: Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood
Pastor Steve Watters

Liturgist: Cherie Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Devin Griggs, Sebastian Oty