

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have given us all things richly to enjoy and that everything we have comes from you. May we never be under the illusion that we can out-give your over-abounding gift of grace in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we give faithfully, cheerfully, and generously of our time, our talents, and our money, and may the motive behind our giving be pure and ever open to your scrutiny. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

Improvisation on "Old Hundredth"

arr. Alice Jordan

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our God, Creator and Sustainer of all life,

People: instructs us to give generously and cheerfully.

Leader: We come, giving the funds, time, and gifts God has given us

People: cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure,

Leader: Trusting that in our upside-down life of the Gospel,

People: our wealth is measured not by what we have but what we give away.

Leader: We give joyfully as an act of our faith, trusting you, great God,

People: to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving.

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

Leader: When we have sown sparingly; Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When we have given reluctantly; so often we make excuses.

Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: That we may know the joy of cheerful giving; Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1)

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Choir Anthem

“Oh, Kind Jesus”

arr. Robert Hunter, 1979

Oh, kind Jesus, loving Savior, guide me gently, with thy love.

In my thoughts thou art ever, waking, sleeping, thou art near.

When I doubt thee Lord, forgive me, fold me safely in thine arms.

When dark shadows fill my being, be thou ever near to me,

Bless, I pray thee, all thy children, guide them, surely to thy home.

Second Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response to the Word***Affirmation of Faith**

The Second Helvetic Confession (5.117)

These same works ought not to be done in order that we may earn eternal life by them, for, as the apostle says, eternal life is the gift of God. Nor are they to be done for ostentation which the Lord rejects in Matt., ch. 6, nor for gain which he also rejects in Matt., ch. 23, but for the glory of God, to adorn our calling, to show gratitude to God, and for the profit of the neighbor. For our Lord says again in the Gospel: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”. And the apostle Paul says: “Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called”. Also: “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and to the Father through him”, and, “Let each of you look not to his own interests, but to the interests of others”, and, “Let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful”.

***Hymn**

“Just a Closer Walk with 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering***Response**

Doxology

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***Prayer of Dedication**

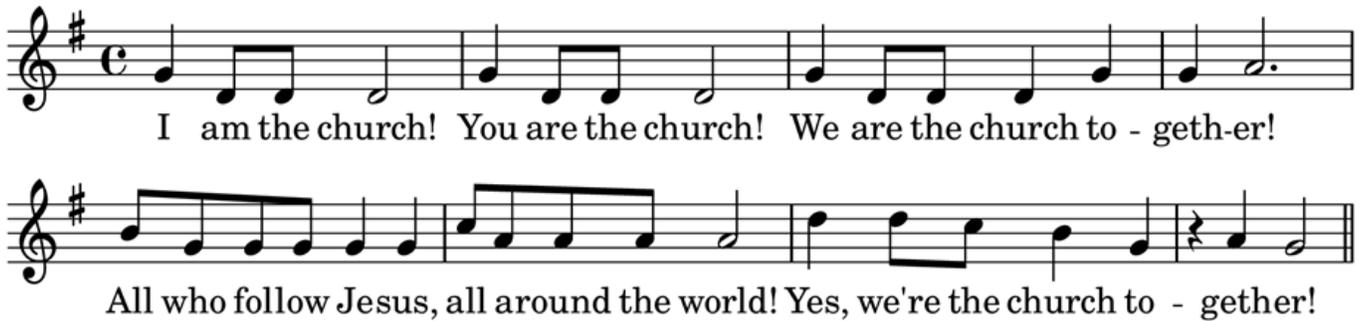
The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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***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!".

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

Pastors: Rev. Désirée Youngblood
Steve Watters

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Devin Griggs