

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, through Christ you came to heal our diseases and cleanse our sin. Let our lives be signs of gratitude for the gift of your amazing grace, that all the world might know the good news of your saving love and the faith that makes us well. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Earth and All Stars"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "We Are Your Children"

Thurlow Weed, 1993

We are your children, O Holy Father;

You gave us life: we are yours.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is our peace.

People: We give thanks with all our hearts.

Leader: Praise the Lord, who makes us whole.

People: We praise the holy name of God.

***Hymn "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"**

#796

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

Holy God, our highest praise falls short of the worship you deserve from us. You have loved us when we were hardly lovable. You acted in our best interest when we were insensitive to your love and disobedient to your will. You forgive us even when we fail to change our ways and seek to live lives worthy of your calling. Transform us through the power of your Spirit and give us meaning and purpose through Jesus Christ, our Savior. All that you are, do, and say points to your great goodness. Our prayer then is that through the lives we lead, we can become more and more responsive to that goodness. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1) #610

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 66:1-12

Choir Anthem “Have You Heard God’s Voice?”

Frederick Chatfield, 2016

Have you heard God’s voice; has your heart been stirred?

Are you still prepared to follow?

Have you made a choice to remain and serve,

Though the way be rough and narrow?

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down

When the multitudes are silent?

Will you make a choice to stand your ground

When the crowds are turning violent?

(refrain)

Will you walk the path that will cost you much
And embrace God's love and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you
The disciples of tomorrow?

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith
And believe it could be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint? (refrain)

In your city streets will you be God's heart?
Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start,
Will you share your faith with the faithless? (refrain)

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“One in Ten”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** The Confession of 1967 (9.50) *(read in unison)*

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian

congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.

***Hymn** "Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn" #179

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** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #649

*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 (C). 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!". The lyrics are written below the notes.

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***Postlude** "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Charles Callahan

Pastors: Rev. Désirée Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd
Organist: Carol Welk
Acolyte: Devin Griggs