



PRELUDE

Variations on ELLACOMBE arr. J. Spong

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

The Gift of Love English melody
Daniel Thielmann, Baritone

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#3 God, We Praise You RUSTINGTON

***INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
You call us to turn from selfish interests
and find true life in service,
but we cling to what we have
and are restless until we get more.
We equate life with possessions, power, and pleasure,
but you tell us that giving and sharing
are the pathway to abundance.
Forgive us when we are seduced with winning
and gaining, even while our hearts shrivel
and compassion dies.
Spirit, move us to take up our cross
and follow the Jesus way once more.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 4
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

My Lord, What a Morning arr. J. Althouse

LITANY

One: God calls us to embrace the upside-down values of the kingdom. When the lines of right and wrong seem blurry,
All: Help us hold on to what is good!
One: When apathy threatens to extinguish our passion,
All: Ignite us with your flame of love.
One: When others trample us and hurt us,
All: Enable us to triumph over evil with goodness.
Teach us the humble way of Jesus.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#46 Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above AMSTERDAM

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#350 The Summons KELVINGROVE

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 16:21-28
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word, BWV 731 J.S. Bach

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#502 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Benediction**

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands F. Kaan

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata in G Major T. Dubois

***Please stand, as you are able.**

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