May 2, 2021 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Like a Murmur of a Dove's Song J. Biery

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

A. Smith Like a Murmur of a Dove's Song Joanne Linden, mezzo soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CRUCIFER #287 Lift High the Cross

*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 (adapted from Bruce Prewer)

Life-giving God,

we rejoice that we have been grafted into you. You call us to bear the loveliest of fruits. Forgive us for introducing disease into the vine, and for neglecting to draw deeply from the sap of life. Instead of abiding, we have wandered away from the framework you provide. We have settled for sparse or undersized fruits. Bind us closely to you and prune away all that hinders our growth. May we delight in bearing the fruit of love.

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

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ANTHEM

J. Biery Christ is the Vine

FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#346 O Come to Me, the Master Said **KINGSFOLD**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

John 15:1-8

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Rev. Jeremy Keay *HYMN OF APPROACH

#695 As We Gather at Your Table

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

*The Passing of the Peace *Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

The Bread The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

WORDS OF SHARING

One: From the grape flows the wine, from the grain grows the bread, From you Lord, we receive our life.

Many: We drink this wine, we eat the bread,

Re-membering you.

One: You poured the cup, you broke the bread,

You offered your life for all.

All: We drink this wine, we eat the bread,

Re-membering you.

Amen

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

M. Burkhardt

BEACH SPRING

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

#306 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*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

B. Peters

A Celtic Prayer
*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

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

Toccata Giacoso

G. Martin

*Please stand, as you are able
We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing - Allan Effa; Reading - Sandra Beckman, Debbie Benson;
Soloist - Joanne Linden;
Choral Voices - Sheila Hiller, Harvey Hiller, Norm Hill;
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