

## September 5, 2021 11:00 a.m.



**PRELUDE** 

Etude No. 6 Bach-Grandjany

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT** 

Lawrence-Salzedo Sanctuary

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#477 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

**BEACH SPRING** 

## \*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

We confess our sins to you Lord God, our Creator, we have not cared for your creation. We have polluted the oceans with sewage and plastic, paved over rich farmland and spewed toxic gases into the air we breathe, with little thought toward the generations to come. Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you Christ, our Saviour, we have put up dividing walls between us and others. We have oppressed brothers and sisters through racism, sexism, homophobia, colonialism, classism and other harmful practices. We think less of those who differ from us in minor points of faith, with little thought toward our witness before an unbelieving world. Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you Holy Spirit, Empowering Presence, we have ignored your leading. We have replaced prayer with our own strategies and methods. We have become cynical and no longer expect you to do great things, with little thought toward the in-breaking of your kingdom. Lord, have mercy. (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 READING**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord

D. Evans

### PRAYERS OF LAMENT (See insert)

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (See insert)

## **SECOND READING**

Matthew 11:25-30

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

### **MEDITATION**

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

\*HYMN OF APPROACH

#630 Healer of Our Every III

M. Haugen

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

# **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Carolan

# \*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

#621 For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE

## \*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.

## \*The Sending of the Community (See insert)

# \*Congregational Amen

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

### \*POSTLUDE

Reprise

Manz

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Leading Worship - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker Reader - Gordon Dinwoodie Guest Organist/Harpist - Jane Fagnan Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING