

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 9, 2022 11:00 a.m.





PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

T. H. Candlyn

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Prelude in C Major BWV 870a

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#231 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*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

Holy God.

We confess we need a miracle today.

We read the daily news,

and feel like we are swimming upstream in a raging river of unending grief.

We watch as numbers in ICUs climb higher again,

and feel too tired to swim against the tide.

We are isolating when we should be gathering with friends and family,

and feel the despair of being lost at sea

for months on end.

We confess to feeling fear.

Where are you, Lord, in this flood of overwhelming news? As Jesus turned old water into new wine,

help us navigate these troubled waters:

turn them into new streams of faith, hope, and love;

likewise help us leave any destructive ways behind

And embrace new ways you have forged

for these new times.

So we, too, can be like the best wine at the banquet.

(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

Psalm 36:5-10

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY (ministrymatters.com)

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

Many: Your steadfast love finds us.

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

Many: Your steadfast righteousness sustains us

and our faith.

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us. O God.

Many: Your steadfast presence gives us hope.

All: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God, you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#243 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#61There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

John 2:1-11

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Jesus and his Mom"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

W. Wold

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below:

Praise Him above ve heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#248 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELLERS

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

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

*POSTLUDE

Carillon

J. Behnke

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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