

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

April 3, 2022 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Open Now Thy Gates

arr. R. Wilson

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#9 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

DARWALL'S 148th

*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

Shepherd God,

Who knows and loves us all,

We confess that we are easily distracted.

We wander away from you as we pursue our own paths.

When we are afraid, lonely, grieving, or hurting,

we busy ourselves with other priorities

instead of listening for your comforting voice.

Shepherd God, Each time we walk through dark valleys, and each time we wander away from your presence,

Find us, comfort us, protect us,

and remind us of your love.

Guide us to quiet waters and lush pastures.

Restore our souls.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#375 Lord, Have Mercy (Sing 3x)

J.M Talbot

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#86 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want CRIMOND

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

John 10:11-17

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Dawn Stiles

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#655 Come Away from Rush & Hurry **BEACH SPRING**

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

WORDS OF SHARING

One: At a table, many years ago,

Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends.

He asked his friends to keep on

sharing bread and wine and to remember him.

As we eat the bread today remember. . .

Jesus provides for us, day by day.

Many: And we will share our bread with others

and those who are in need.

One: As we sip the wine or juice, remember. . . Jesus poured out his life for us because he loves us

and says to us "do not be afraid."

Many: And we will share our love with others

and will help those who are afraid.

One: Jesus, Good Shepherd,

you walk beside us day by day. We praise you for the life you give us!

All: Jesus, Good Shepherd,

meet us and feed us today.

Lead us and love us as we care for our friends,

our family, and our world.

The Bread

The Cup

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

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. W. Auld

*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

#440 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*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

*Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Fugue for Trumpet

F. Couperin

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Confession Prayer - Naomi Mahaffy; Scripture Reading - Gordon Dinwoodie and Twyla Fletcher Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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