

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 20, 2022 11:00 a.m.



**PRELUDE** 

Passacaglia in D Minor, BuxWV 161

D. Buxtehude

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** 

**LENTEN KYRIE** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#16 The God of Abraham Praise

**LEONI** 

\*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.

In the midst of betrayal,

fear and denial:

We remember those times we have been part of the crowd seeking our best interest over what is right and good.

We remember those times when we chose the path of safety over loyalty to your Way.

We remember the ways we have wandered from your presence, only to complain that we are abandoned.

For all the ways we have missed the mark, all the ways we have come up short, in your mercy, forgive us, and through your grace bring us back into relationship. Help us find the path again.

(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 17:1-7

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

Jesus, Your Name

K. & K. Getty and I. Hannah

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (adapted from tablevineyard.org)

One: God, we pray for our faith community, Many: as a whole and as individuals,

One: that we will have the courage to hold fast to truth,

Many: even when truth is inconvenient, One: even when truth convicts us.

Many: even when truth is difficult,

One: even when truth is not what we hoped for; All: God, we believe in you, your word is truth.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#97 Meekness and Majesty

G. Kendrick

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#61 There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING** 

John 18:12-27

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON** "Denial and Undeterred Love"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory

Be Thou Our God While Troubles Last arr. P. Lehenbauer (A Prayer for the People of Ukraine; 2022)

\*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

#425 Christ Beside Me

BUNESSAN

\*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

Until We Meet Again

R.E. Schram

\*The Sending of the Community

\*Congregational Amen

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Prelude, Fugue and Postlude in G Minor

G. Böhm

\*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Kathy Brown

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