

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 1, 2022



PRELUDE

Partita on "This Joyful Eastertide"

J. Bouman

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Alleluia ALELUYA HONDURAS, arr. J.L. Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#289 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

YOL OT MMYH

*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

O Lord our God, you broke into the life of Paul and sent him on a new path. You search us out and call us by name. We fail to hear you because we are not listening for your voice. You invite us to be light and life in the world, but our fears and worries keep us from trusting you. You promise to walk with us, but we choose to journey in our own strength. Forgive us Lord. Open our eyes to see you in our neighbour. Open our ears to hear the cries of those in pain and suffering. Open our hearts to receive your bountiful love and blessing. Break into our lives, O Lord. Break in.

(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.

ANTHEM

Easter Carol J. Leavitt

FIRST READING

Acts 9:3-9

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

D. Allen #491 Open Our Eyes, Lord

SECOND READING

Acts 9:10-19

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "God the Game-Changer"

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#699 Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

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 Almightv

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

All: May this meal nourish us and refresh us, may it strengthen us and renew us. God sends us to reveal love in the world. May we be inspired in resolve and courage, compassion and passion, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring/Our Great Saviour

arr. N. Olanday

Nathan Olanday, piano

*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

#581 Called As Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*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

Hymn to Joy

arr. A. Travis

*Please stand, as you are able We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing of Confession Prayer - Dr Anne Bellamy

Reading - Pam Beavan, Rachael Borley Video & Sound Technician - Jeremy Keay

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