

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 28, 2022 10:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

C. Callahan We Have Come to Join in Worship

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Holy God, We Praise Your Name T. Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#96 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

*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

Wonder-working God, Your ways are so much greater than we can comprehend. We inhabit a world of cause and effect. We dig vast trenches around what is possible. We squelch imagination and are skeptical and disbelieving. Yet, you call us to rise up and dance to the surprising moves of your Spirit. Forgive our reluctance, Lord,

(Silence for personal confession and reflection.)

and free us from the prison of unbelief.

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 77 Pages 593-594, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY (Based on Psalm 77)

One: Some days, cries and moans are all we can muster. Many: In the day of our trouble, we will seek the Lord.

One: Some nights, we are too upset to fall asleep.

Many: In the day of our trouble, we will seek the Lord.

One: Sometimes God seems distant and

unconcerned about our plight.

Many: In the day of our trouble, we will seek the Lord. One: When grief takes over and drains all of our energy, Many: In the day of our trouble, we will seek the Lord.

ALL: You are the God who works wonders: with your strong arm, you will redeem us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#63 Give to Our God Immortal Praise **DUKE STREET**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#65 God Moves in a Mysterious Way DUNDEE

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Acts 12:1-19 Page 136, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Dr. Anne Bellamy

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing H. Helvey

*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 #We All Are One in Mission

KUORTANE

*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

A Gaelic Blessing

J. Rutter

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Novelette in C Major

F. Poulenc

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Allan Effa; Prayers of the People - Warren Tasker.

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