Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 18, 2022 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE Partita on HYFRYDOL	R. Powel
GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY	
INTROIT Awake, Arise, O Sing a New Song	M. Leasure
CALL TO WORSHIP	
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #56 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Abov	/e MIT FREUDEN ZART
*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 Our Forgiving God, We confess our rootedness in old ways, old thinking, old practices. Too often we look back when you call us to look forward. We choose the familiar when you call us to something new. We become small minded, unimaginative, closed off. As a result, we become ingrown, insular, dead. We confess our waywardness and humbly ask for reorientation. We confess our sin, and ask for forgiveness. Repair, restore, rebuild us, Your people. Re-instate us with your vision, re-ignite with your call. Bring us back on track, fan the flame, lead us forward with your vision, for you proclaim that you are doing a new thing. (Silence for personal confession and reflection.)	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
*GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Sor and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amo	d
FIRST TESTAMENT READING	

Amos 9:11-15 Page 956, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"** 

ANTHEM

Come to the Meeting Place

B. Nix

LITANY (based on Psalm 133; J. Harader @ Spacious Faith) One: Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility. Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity. One: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness. Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity. One: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience. Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity. One: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love. Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity. One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity, All: Let us worship the God who has called us together. **\*HYMN OF HOPE** #596 Help Us Accept Each Other BFCK CHILDREN'S BLESSING PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **\*HYMN OF MEDITATION** #464 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior ST. LEONARDS SECOND TESTAMENT READING Acts 15:1-18 Page 140, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God" SERMON "A Wideness in God's Grace" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Offertory Prelude on ST COLUMBA C. Callahan \*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** #544 The Church's One Foundation **AURELIA \*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.

\*Choral Benediction Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

F. Kaan

## \*The Sending of the Community

\*Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE Fantasia on PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY D. Forrest

## \*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Worship Leadership - Warren Tasker; Writing Confession & Litany - Craig Traynor; Prayers of the People - Christina Ward; Scripture Readers - Christina Ward, Gwen Borowski; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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