

Twenty-Third
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Andantino

T. Pavlechko
D. Bédard

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Spirit of God's Descend Upon My Heart

T. Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#592 Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH

***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

All powerful and faithful God,
You constantly demonstrate your authority
over the powerful.
Your will prevails and you love us
with unfailing mercy, tenacious patience
and endless grace.
We however, do not return that same love and loyalty.
You call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to care,
but we walk away from others in need.
You ask us to give some of our time,
talents and resources,
but we focus on our own immediate concerns.
God of grace and compassion, we ask for your mercy.
This morning, we admit our failings and shortcomings.
Forgive us we pray
and energize us to do the work you call us to.
Help us to focus on your ways in order to build
a community of faith that better your world.

(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

FIRST READING

Matthew 28:16-20 Page 34, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

MUSICAL ANTHEM

My Jesus, I Love Thee

T. Shaw

Sylvia Chow, violin

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (adapted from Psalm 33:18-22)

One: Watch this: God's eye is on those who companion
with God, the ones who are looking for his love.

Many: God you have been gracious to us and blessed us.

One: God is ready to come to our rescue in bad times;
in lean times he keeps body and soul together.

Many: God, you have made your face shine on us.

One: We're depending on God; God is everything we need!

Many: The earth has yielded its increase.

God you have blessed us.

One: What's more, our hearts brim with joy since we've taken
for our own God's holy name and tender mercies.

Many: We praise you, O God.

**All: Love us, God, with all you've got -
that's what we're depending on.**

***HYMN OF HOPE**

#409 God Of Our Life

SANDON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#65 God Moves in Mysterious Ways

DUNDEE

SECOND READING

Acts 25:1-12 Page 152, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "God's Plan: Making a Body for Christ"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Mélo die

Sylvia Chow, violin

C. W. Gluck

***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**

#502 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***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

Invocation

D. Bédard

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

March on the OLD HUNDREDTH Psalm Tune

B. Portman

***Please stand, as you are able**

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