

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 12, 2023 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE Prelude on AZMON

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J.M Talbot

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #655 Come Away from Rush and Hurry **BEACH SPRING**

***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

Forgiving God, we come before you today. Forgive us when we hide in the shadows of our sin and try to hide and discount it. Forgive us for trying to forget and just move past it. You, God, meet us wherever we are, hiding in the shadow of ourselves or in our avoidance of accepting our wrong doing. Forgive us if we wait so long to confess that we have normalized our behaviour. Lord Jesus, just as you knew everything of the Samaritan woman at the well, so you also know us. Let us be as forthcoming with our wrongdoings as she was. Thank you for freeing us from the bondage of sin and letting us enjoy new life with you.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

HYMN OF RESPONSE #375 Lord, Have Mercy (Sing 3x)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Amen

PSALM and SUNG RESPONSE

Psalm 95:1-7 Page 608-609, 1st half of NRSV Bible

RESPONSIVE READING (based on Psalm 95) One: Let us sing for joy to our Lord and shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Many: Let us come before him with thanksgiving. One: In God's hands are the depths of the earth, the mountain peaks, and the sea is his for he has made it. Many: Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our maker. One: Today, if you hear his voice do not harden your hearts against him. ALL: With open hearts, come before him with thanksgiving and praise!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION** SOUTHWELL #636 Heal me. Hands of Jesus

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Page 97-98, 2nd half of NRSV Bible John 4:5-30 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Susan Hunter

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Ah, Holy Jesus T. Chesterton

*New Doxology Let's praise God for each good thing. M. Adria All creation, shout and sing! Praise three persons, yet one Love: Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen. *Prayer of Gratitude

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY** #615 Community of Christ

***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 Recessional on "In Christ Alone"

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*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Rose Merke; Prayers of the People - Anne Bellamy; Scripture Reading - Warren Tasker, Gwen Borowski; Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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