

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 28, 2023 11:00 a.m.



#### **PRFI UDF**

Come Down O Love Divine M. Sedio

#### **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayers

M. Held

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#334 On Pentecost They Gathered

**MUNICH** 

## \*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 God, we are so prone to make messes and clutter our lives with mistakes.

We collect the dust of guilt when we miss opportunities to be kind, or generous or to advocate for justice.

The garbage of hurtful words we have spoken accumulates in our minds and hearts.

Focusing only on our self-centered wants develops cobwebs that keep us from seeing what others need. Our neglect of spending time in prayer obscures our clear vision like the smoke of a wildfire.

We need the spring cleaning of your Spirit to open the windows of our hearts, letting you in to transform us. Your spring winds can dispel the darkness that we have created.

O, Wind of the Spirit, cleanse our hearts and renew our minds to your gracious truth.

Create in us clean spaces so that we can be useful to you as you empower us with forgiven hearts and fruitful actions.

(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**

Numbers 11:24-30 Page 144, 1st half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

# OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Mārchenbilder Op. 113 (Mvt. 1)

R. Schumann W. Krapyvkin, viola

# **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Iona Community)**

We believe in God who chose a wandering people for God's own, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others, called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

We believe in Jesus who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached that God loves Syrians, attracted to God's cause Greeks and Romans, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, had his mind changed by a Phoenician, and his cross shouldered by an African; and ascended above his native land that he might be present in every place.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost proved that heaven had no favored mother-tongue, who in the baptism of an Ethiopian denied racism and a foothold in faith, and who in the ancient world founded churches across cultures.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus, yet we affirm that God may choose to show God's face in different guises, for the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church and the love of God is beyond our understanding.

We therefore celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and that, as in Jesus, God's surprise surpasses all human expectations.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord

D. Evans

#### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#132 Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart MORECAMBE

#### **SECOND READING**

Page 123, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Acts 2:1-21 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON** Rev. Jeremy Keay

## **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Offertory

Litanie

\*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

#326 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

J.K. Manley

F. Schubert

# \*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

Meditation on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS (Plainsong)

P. Fey

## \*The Sending of the Community

#### \*Congregational Amen

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata on VENI CREATOR SPIRITIS

P. Fey

# \*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Worship Leader and Writing Prayers - Ken Bellous; Prayers of the People - Grant McIntyre; Scripture Readers - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker; Offering of Music in Worship - William Krapyvkin; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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