

# Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

June 25, 2023 11:00 a.m.



**PRELUDE** 

Fugue in G Major BWV 576 Aria J.S. Bach P. Fey

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** 

**ORGAN INTROIT** 

We Have Come to Join in Worship

T. Shaw

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#23 All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WORDS: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.Alleluias





#### \*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 (Partly based on Vanderbuilt RCL website)

Creator God,

you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers.

We confess this morning that we have not been faithful to that call.

We have reimagined our spirituality in ways that distance us from Your commitment to Your creation.

The fires burning around us remind us of our failure.

We have compromised our love of sisters and brothers, humankind whom You love and have redeemed.

The wars in so many places, the loneliness and unhappiness of so many remind us of our failure.

Have mercy on us.

Reshape us. Renew us. Restore us.

Make us better lovers.

(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

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Pages 601-602, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## **INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING IN WORSHIP**

Be Not Afraid

C. Courtney, arr. D. Forrest

#### **LITANY**

One: Our God is not of this world,

valuing teachers above disciples, and masters above slaves.

Many: Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Our God is not of this world, covering up that which is shameful and welcoming the darkness to hide evil deeds.

Many: Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Our God promises that those who lose their lives for God's purposes will find life. Our God, in Jesus Christ, shows us this life, and by the Holy Spirit, enables us to live this way.

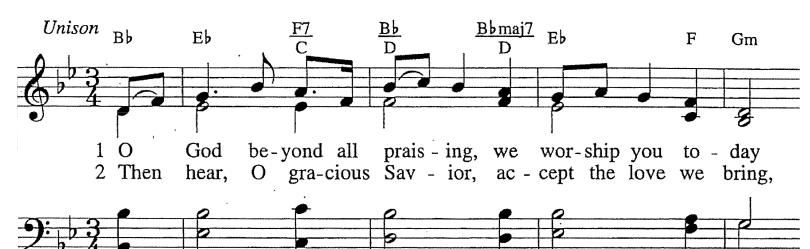
Many: Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: Our God—Lover of all, Righteous One, Giver of Life.

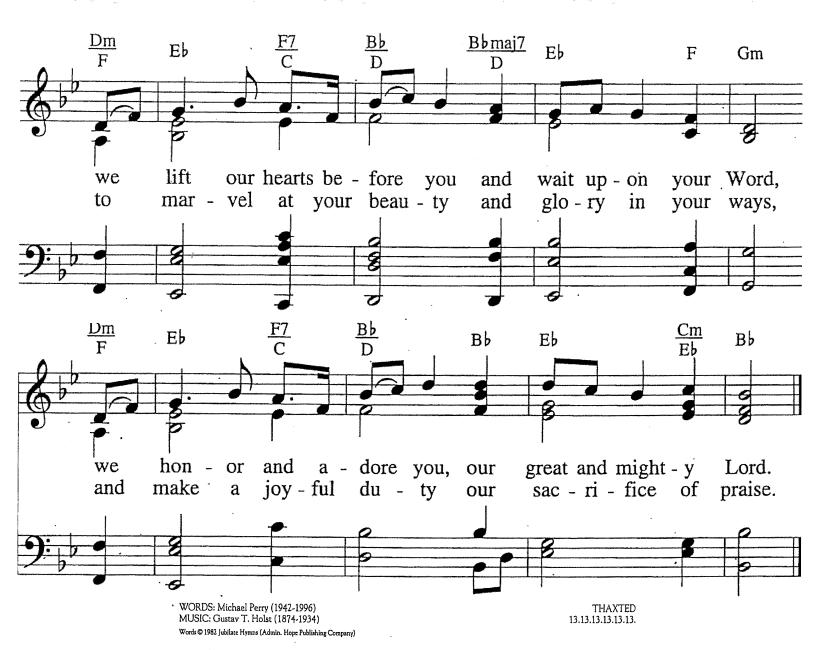
## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#64 O God Beyond All Praising

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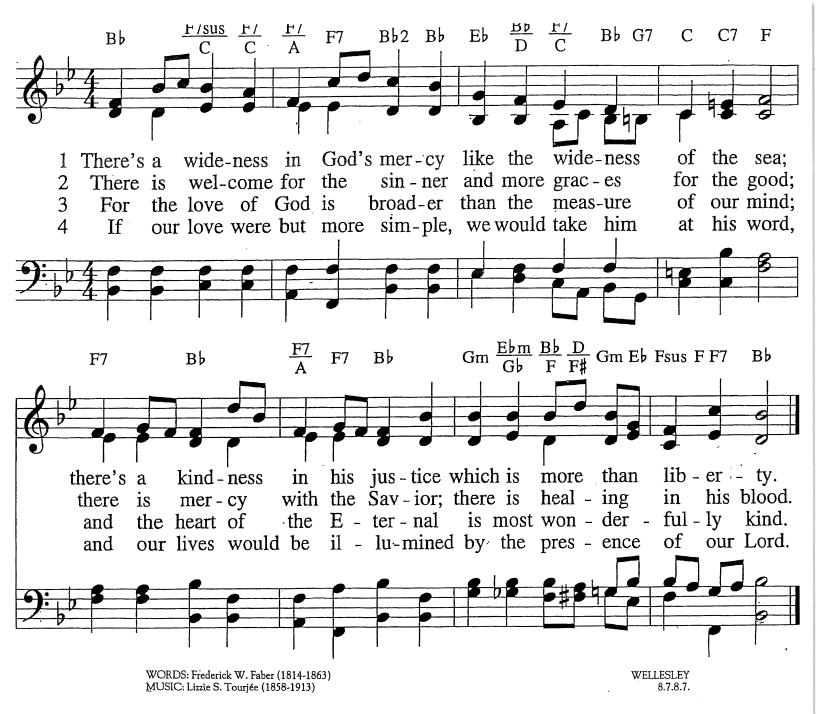
## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#61 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**WELLESLEY** 



## **SECOND READING**

Matthew 10:24-39

Pages 10-11, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

# **SERMON**

Jeremy Keay

# CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Tuba Tune in D Major

C.S. Lang

\*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

\*Prayer of Gratitude

### \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#388 O God in Whom All Life Begins

**NOEL** 

Marco Adria

NOEL C.M.D.

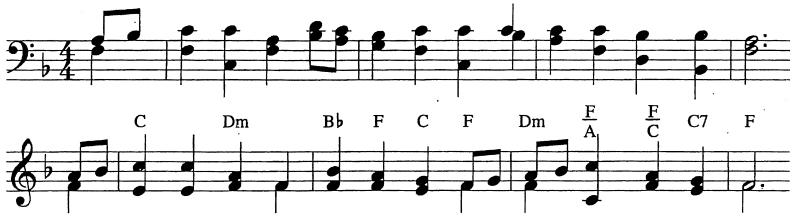
WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-) MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900) Words © 1990 Hope Publishing Company



1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,

2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts

3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless-ing on our lives; here let your love find root. that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts. so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.





## \*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.

# \*Organ Benediction

Invocation

D. Bédard

# \*The Sending of the Community

## \*Congregational Amen

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

C. Callahan

## \*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Worship Leaders and Writing Prayers - Jo-Ann Badley, Susan Hunter; Scripture Reading - Louise Adnams, Esther Steeves; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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