FIRST Seeking the peace and well-being of the city



PRELUDE Idyll

D. Paxton

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #356 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

HYFRYDOL

R. Goodson

***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

Lord Jesus, we draw nearer to the Sanctuary of Your Presence; hiding from the heat of our own follyrestless under the shadow of Your wings. Where we are glib, slow us down. Help us remember that you see our innermost being. Where we are haughty and unconcerned, tune us to Your voice. When we worry, teach us to wonder at the look on Your Face as you regard us. Quiet our thoughts. Gaze on our inward being that we so artfully conceal from others. We come here to encounter You. We wait to hear Your words echo in our hearts. We desire to see Your Face. We trust in Your willingness to forgive. Come with us as we examine ourselves. Let us feel sure that we are loved by You. Help us breathe into inward honesty. Renew our relationships with ourselves, with other people, with You. Have mercy, Lord Jesus. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

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 145:8-14 Page 644, 1st half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: I will exalt You, my God, my Lord, my Saviour. **Many: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.** One: I will tell people about Your mighty acts as I gaze at a vibrant sunset. I will speak of your wonderful works as I hold a small child.

Many: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

One: I will consider Your faithfulness as I recall disasters that have not swept me away from You. Many: We will consider Your faithfulness as we recall disasters that have not swept us away from You. One: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. All: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and rich in love. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION#117 There Is a RedeemerM. Green

SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a Page 164, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Ken Bellous

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Variations on ISLEWORTH O.N. Russell

*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** #72 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Marco Adria

***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 Finale

A. Guilmant

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Dr. Joyce Bellous; Prayers of the People - Warren Tasker; Scripture Reading - Ryan Keay, Twyla Fletcher; Guest Organist - Leroy Hiller; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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