Seeking the peace and well-being of the city
 One: God inv

 URCH
 August 27, 2023 10:00 a.m.
 Many: We set

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE Prelude on "Nun danket all und bringet Ehr"

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT We Have Come Into This House / He Is Lord B. Ballinger / S. Vest

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#67 Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

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*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 (Thom Shuman) We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ. our Lord and Saviour, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.

(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 16:21-28 Pages 18-19, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

'Til the Storm Passes By

T.M. Lister

LITANY

One: God invites us to fully participate in new life. Many: We seek to worship with our bodies and our minds. One: This new life goes against the grain of our culture and society. Many: We seek to worship with our bodies and our minds. One: This new life promises goodness and transformation. Many: We seek to worship with our bodies and our minds. All: Enable us, o God, to worship you in Spirit and in truth. ***HYMN OF PRAISE** #550 We Are the Church PORT JERVIS CHILDREN'S BLESSING PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **HYMN OF MEDITATION** #48 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST DENIO SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8 Pages 168-169, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Reflections on "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" P. Manz

Marco Adria

Rev. Jeremy Keay

*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 #544 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

***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 Festive Postlude

P. Frev

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Rev. Allan Effa; Prayers of the People - Gordon Dinwoodie; Scripture Reading - Elaine Junk, Gordon Dinwoodie; Soloist - Christina Ward, Accompanist - Nathan Olanday; Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan.

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– FBC Council