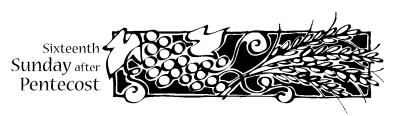


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 17, 2023 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Voluntary in G Major, Op 1, No. 5 W. Walond

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Awake, arise, O Sing a new song M. Leasure

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#24 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets HYMN TO JOY

*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

God of all Grace and Mercy,
We are grateful for the privilege of gathering
as a faith community.
We confess that we have not always acted
with the best of intentions.

with the best of intentions. We have turned away from helping someone

when we could. We have ignored the whisper of the Spirit within

to share what we have. We have not given our best effort in our daily living. We ask your forgiveness and commit to a change of heart and to enter fully

into your divine plan.

(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.

ANTHEM

Come to the Music J.M. Martin

FIRST READING

Romans 14:1-12 Page 170, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: My soul praises and blesses God

for his name (I AM) is holy.

Many: My soul blesses God for all his benefits.

One: God lifts us up when we fail.

Many: God is forgiving and floods our soul

with compassion.

One: God satisfies us with good things so that our strength is renewed like an eagle.

Many: God is rich in love and mercy.

One: God holds the oppressed in his hands.

All: God is just and fair to all.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other BECK

SECOND READING

Matthew 18:21-35 Pages 20-21, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Rev. Jeremy Keay & Rev. Amanda Strain

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Prelude on HYMN TO JOY D. Cherwein

Marco Adria

*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

#372 I Then Shall Live FINLANDIA

*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.

*Choral Benediction

May the Peace of the Lord Go With You C. Yannerella

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata K. Langlais

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Worship Leaders and Writers of Prayers - Christina Ward, Rev. Susan Hunter; Scripture Reading - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker;

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— FBC Council