Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

October 15, 2023 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE Fantasia in G Minor

J.S. Bach

MIT FREUDEN ZART

R. Goodson

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #25 Let All Creation Bless the Lord

***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

Patient God, we gather this morning, and we pause to consider this last week, as your Spirit nudges and prompts us; calling to mind the excuses we make for our selfishness, the times we were unkind or unfair, when we were thoughtless or careless, keeping secret grudges and private hatred. Humbled, we think of the ways we have failed to love one another.

Assured of your boundless love, we present our faults and disappointments and wrongs, asking for mercy and restoration, giving thanks for the grace which grips us, even as we wander. Hear now our silent confession.

(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

Deuteronomy 10:18-19 Page 186, 1st half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE READING (based on I John 4:7-9) One: Beloved, let us love one another, Many: because love is from God; One: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Many: Whoever does not love does not know God, One: for God is love. Many: God's love was revealed among us in this way: One: God sent his only Son into the world All: so that we might live through him.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #270 O How He Loves You and Me

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION** #350 The Summons

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34-40 Page 25, 2nd half of NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Dennis Shierman

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

I Call to Thee

J.S. Bach Marco Adria

K. Kaiser

KELVINGROVE

*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 Live Begins

NOEL

***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

Prelude in A Minor

J.S. Bach

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Prayers of the People - Jo-Anne Badley; Scripture Reading - Evelyn Grieger, Pam Beavan; Guest Organists - Lori Klingbeil & Liza Karpenko; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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