

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 14, 2024 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Suite

C. Callahan

D. Schutte

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT Sing a New Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #56 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

***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

Incarnate God, the epiphanies about ourselves are often the hardest to bear: we said the wrong thing, or did the wrong thing, or thought the wrong thing, and it broke something precious. Sometimes we think and say and do the right thing and it still turns out wrong. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. Forgive our hidden faults. Redeem our collection of careless words and thoughtless deeds, our fumbling attempts at love and care. Help us pick up the pieces and surrender them to you, these bright shards a holy offering.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

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.

ANTHEM Gather Us In

J. Althouse

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:1-6 Pages 639-640, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: When the storm we're facing is relentless, Many: Emmanuel, you are with us. One: When life's circumstances confuse us, Many: Emmanuel, you are with us. One: When outside forces frustrate us, Many: Emmanuel, you are with us. One: When our loved ones dismay us, Many: Emmanuel, you are with us. One: When our unruly body betrays us, Many: Emmanuel, you are with us. One: Wherever our wanderings waylay us, Many: Emmanuel, you are with us. One: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? All: Nothing in all of creation will separate us from God's love.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #13 Sing a New Song to the Lord ONSLOW SQUARE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION #72 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

SECOND READING Psalm 139:7-18 Page 640, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON "Seen and Known in the Psalm" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

First Snow (from Winter Songs) O. Gjeilo

*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** #409 God of Our Life

SANDON

M. 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.

*Choral Benediction The Trees of the Field

S. G. Rubin

*The Sending of the Community *Congregational Amen

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

*POSTLUDE Hornpipe (from Suite)

C. Callahan

*Please stand, as you are able We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing & Worship Leading - Liz Grinevitch, Rev. Amanda Strain, & Rose Merke; Scripture Reading - Emilie Roussis, Carter Bergen; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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R. Goodson