

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 21, 2024 11:00 a.m.



∄Third Sunday after

PRELUDE

Tuba Tune Op. 1222 C. Cooman Let All Creation Bless the Lord arr. C. Christiansen

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

D. Schutte Sing a New Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

MIT FREUDEN ZART #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

God, we are a bunch of followers. Celebrities, influencers, politicians, peers, teachers; whatever is bright and flashy and tweaks our interest, we follow. Whatever brings us comfort and entertainment, we follow.

The latest philosophies, theologies, policies, and self-help books that would begin to shape our lives, we follow.

The path of least resistance, we follow.

They say we encounter about 10,000 advertisements per day, and we follow.

Many paths that ultimately disappoint and lead nowhere. Jesus, we confess that we follow so many things at the expense of following you.

And oh, you are worthy of being followed! Forgive us.

Jesus, you are the Way. You say, "follow me". Engrave on our hearts, instil in our minds, hearts and wills to follow you.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

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

Psalm 62:1-8 Page 581, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

What Grace Is Mine arr. T. Fettke

LITANY

One: God the Father, Creator and Sustainer, who gives all good things seen and unseen, Many: in you alone, we put our hope.

One: God the Son, Saviour and Redeemer, who died to bring salvation and rose again to Resurrection life,

Many: in you alone, we put our hope.
One: God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter, who moves us to sing, and renews our spirits, Many: in you alone, we put our hope.
All: Three in one, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, we put our hope in you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

I Have Called You by Your Name **KELLY** (refer to insert)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#575 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service **BEACH SPRING**

SECOND READING

Page 35, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible Mark 1:14-20 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Swept Into the Flow of God's Life" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Aria in C Major P. Lehenbauer

*New Doxology M. Adria 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

#453 Christ Be My Leader

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

I Have Called You by Your Name (reprise) KFIIY

*The Sending of the Community *Congregational Amen

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

*POSTLUDE

Festal Finale H. Coleman

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing & Worship Leading - Craig Traynor; Prayers of the People - Christina Ward; Scripture Reading - Nick Bargeman, Pam Beavan; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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- FBC Council

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