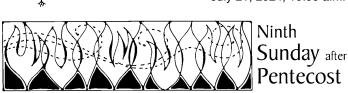


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

July 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



PRELUDE Prelude on Hyfrydol Beach Spring

R. Lau E. Carlson

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #27 God of Creation, All-Powerful

SLANE

***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

Forgiving God, We need your mercy. You have breathed peace upon your people to live and dwell in unity. Yet we think that we are better than others because of race, class and economic status. We have not learned from the wars of the past that were ignited by exclusion, superiority and fear of 'the other.' Our divisive words and spirit continue today; our arrogance locks us into a false sense of rightousness. Oh God, forgive our narrow vision. Remind us that your vision is wide and compassionate. Help us anew as we work for peace and create paths of wholeness for all peoples and all creation.

(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 TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 89:19-37 Page 604, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING OF WORSHIP The Nightingale D. Henson-Conant **RESPONSIVE PRAYER** (adapted from Psalm 89) One: God's abiding love rules the universe. Many: Help us to live in love and faithfulness. One: Blessed are the ones who walk in the light of God's presence. Many: We rejoice in the name of God and exult in God's righteousness! One: The glory and strength of God abides with God's people. Many: We are anointed with the spirit and delivered from evil. One: God's faithful love goes before us, ALL: God is our rock and our salvation.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #31 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

FULACOMBE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION** #72 Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFUL NESS

Dr. Jo-Ann Badley

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:11-22 Page 205, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory Be Thou My Vision

M. Wells

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**

#714 Shalom, My Friends

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 Fanfare on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" P Fev

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers & Worship Leading - Rose Merke; Writing Prayers of the People - Rev. Amanda Strain; Scripture Reading – Sean Henry, Devi Henry; Guest Organist – Jane Fagnan; **No livestream of Worship Service today**

FBC Ministry Team: Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato, Senior Minister Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults, Outreach (on Sabbatical) Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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