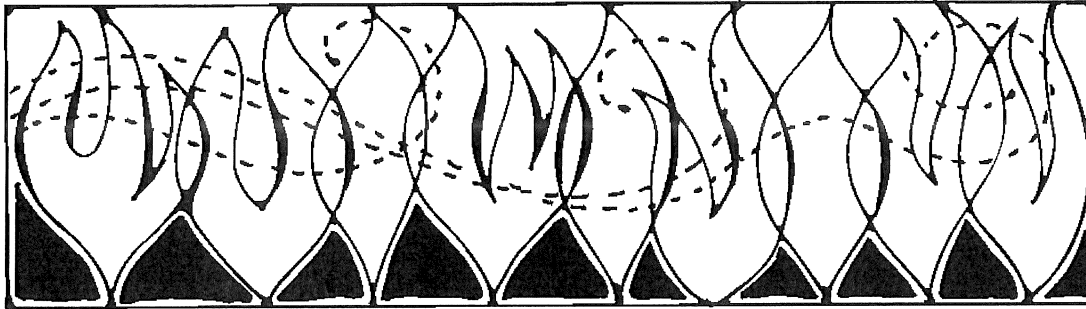




Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Cathedral Suite

G. Young

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

78 God of the Ages, History's Maker

BUNESSAN

Unison C Am Dm G Am C G B

1 God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Mak - er,
2 God of this morn - ing, glad - ly your chil - dren
3 God of to - mor - row, strong o - ver - com - er,
4 Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing,

Am Em Am Em G

plan - ing our path - way, hold - ing us fast,
 wor - ship be - fore you, trust - ing - ly bow:
 princ - es of dark - ness own your com - mand:
 Lord of the fu - ture, help us, we pray:

C/E Am F C/E Am G

shap - ing in mer - cy all that con - cerns us:
 teach us to know you al - ways a - mong us,
 what then can harm us? We are your peo - ple,
 teach us to trust you, love and o - bey you,

C G/B Am G C

Fa - ther, we praise you, Lord of the past.
 qui - et - ly sov - ereign— Lord of our now.
 now and for - ev - er kept by your hand.
 crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day.

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson (1915-)

MUSIC: Gaelic melody

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BUNESSAN

10.9.10.9.

***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

**Creator of all,
of the poor, the ugly, the weak, the marginalized,
of those we don't like, and don't want to like,
of those who don't know or love you.
Forgive us when we exclude people
or make them feel they don't belong.
Help us to understand your generous kingdom,
that your house has room also for the unloveable,
such as ourselves.
May we learn to love all the people of God
with the unimaginable love
that you drenched us with before we ever knew you.**

(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**

R. Goodson

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 146

Pages 644-645, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: Lord, you are the great Healer.

Today we pray for those in our community,
of all ages, backgrounds, education, employment status.

Many: Bring healing, bring peace, bring belonging.

One: We pray for those we like and those we don't like,
those with differing political views, religions,
opinions, and traditions.

Many: Bring healing, bring peace, bring belonging.

One: We pray for those who are marginalized
by various things, like homelessness, addictions,
poverty, mental illness.

Many: Bring healing, bring peace, bring belonging.

**All: Give us wisdom and insight as a church,
to be a place that offers healing, peace, and belonging,
in the kingdom of our loving and generous God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

71 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The bass line begins with a bass clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes four verses of lyrics. The musical notation includes notes, rests, and a final cadence with a double bar line and repeat dots.

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am Bb F Bb $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm Bb6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a
2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am Bb F Bb $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
 ing; shel-tering you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus -
 you: sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

Bb6 C7 F $\frac{C}{E}$ F Bb F $\frac{Bb}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$

va - tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

F $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ C Am Bb $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ A $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ C7 F

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do, if with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN
 14.14.4.7.8.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

638 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Sung to TALLIS' CANON

O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
When reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamour to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills:
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Mark 7:24-37

Page 43, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Cory Seibel

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on LOBE DEN HERREN

C. Callahan

***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**

628 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

F F/A Gm7 C Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C7

1 We can - not meas - ure how you heal or
2 The pain that will not go a - way, the
3 So some have come who need your help and

F F/A Bb F/A Gm7 C C7

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
guilt that ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
some have come to make a - mends, as

F F/A Gm7 C Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C7

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
 hands which shaped and saved the world are

F F/A Bb F/A Gm7 F

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
 pres - ent as if meant to last. But
 pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

Am7 Dm7 Dm Gm7 C7 Bb/C

hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
 pres - ent too is love which tends the
 let your Spir - it meet us here to

F Am7 Bb Gm7 C7sus C7

vive to hold and heal and warn, to
 hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
 mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

F Cm Eb D7 Gm C7

car - ry all through death to life and
 pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
 dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

F Dm Bb F/A Gm7 F

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

WORDS: John L. Bell (1949-)
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell (1949-)
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YE BANKS AND BRAES
 8.8.8.8.D.

***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**

Toccata (Cathedral Suite)

G. Young

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers – Kathy Brown;

Leading Worship & Prayers of the People – Rev. Amanda Strain;

Leading Worship – Rev. Craig Traynor;

Scripture Reading – Louise Adnams, Traynor Family;

Guest Preacher – Rev. Dr. Cory Seibel;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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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