

### Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 15, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



**PRELUDE** 

Carillon J. Behnke

### **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INTROIT** 

All God's People Come Together P. Choplin

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#30 All Things Bright and Beautiful **ROYAL OAK** 

\*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**

O Giver of Wisdom, we confess that we are formed by the world more than by you. Our motives are mixed. We would rather defend ourselves than make peace with our neighbor. We insist on our rights, we don't want to give an inch. We paper over our sins and turn a spotlight on the faults of others. The fruit of our folly is our disordered society. Forgive us our pride and selfishness. Teach us to sow in peace and give us a harvest of righteousness.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

R. Goodson \*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** 

Every Valley Needs a Lily arr. S. Nordmeyer

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Translation from Nan. C. Merrill Psalm 37:1-9

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

One: We trust in you, the Most High.

Many: Teach us to live in harmony with each other.

One: Beloved One, we delight in you.

Many: You have given us a bounty of love.

One: We commit our lives to you.

Many: We are confident that you will act for us in love.

One: Ever Present One,

we wait on you in stillness and silence.

Many: We pray for those who do not know your love.

One: Holy Lord, raise our eyes to you. All: Grant us to live in harmony, peace,

and the assurance of your love.

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#402 He Came Down **CAMEROON** 

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#388 O God in Whom All Life Begins **NOEL** 

### SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS

James 3:13, 17-18 From TNIV

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## INTERGENERATIONAL SERMON

'God's Good Gardner' Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

# **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

All Things Bright and Beautiful A. Travis

\*New Doxology

Marco 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

#569 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

# 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

Shalom, My Friends Hebrew Melody

# \*The Sending of the Community

# \*Congregational Amen

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

# **POSTLUDE**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. M. Burkhardt

## \*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Gordon Dinwoodie; Prayers of the People - Rev. Dr. Allan Effa; Scripture Reading – Emilie Roussis, Carter Bergen; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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