



Eighteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost

PRELUDE

Voluntary in F
Aria in F

P. Lehenbauer
J.S. Dixon

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

God of Great and God of Small

N. Sleeth

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#48 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***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 God,
we confess to having a few questions.
Are you real? We mean really real.
How interventionist are you?
How true is true?
Which Christian traditions
are simply a weak response
to things we don't understand?
Are the things that matter -
mostly beyond our understanding anyways?
Do we matter? We mean actually matter.

Creator God,
in a world much bigger than us,
we confess to having some questions.
We know you can bear all our questions.
Fill us with all the understanding we can bear.

(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

Psalms 1 Pages 539, 1st half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

I Believe

M. A. Miller

LITANY

One: Our delight is in the Lord.

Many: **Blessed is the one who thinks.**

One: Our delight is in the Lord.

Many: **Blessed is the one who questions.**

One: Our delight is in the Lord.

Many: **Blessed is the one who seeks understanding.**

One: Our delight is in the Lord.

Many: **Blessed is the one whose delight is in the Lord.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#629 Strong, Gentle, Children

TWILIGHT

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#464 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

ST. LEONARD'S

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:30-37

Pages 46, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Welcome Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prelude Op. 75 No 5

J. Sibelius

***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**

#587 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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

Partita on ST. DENIO

F.D. Ashdown

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Grant McIntyre;

Writing Prayers of the People – Rev. Susan Hunter;

Leading Worship - Christina Ward;

Scripture Reading – Ken Badley, Sandra Beckman;

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

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