

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

October 20, 2024 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE Hymn Medley

arr. N. Olanday

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

INTROIT I Love You, Lord

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #84 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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## **\*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

Lord, you call us to follow you, but we forget that you were known as a man of suffering. We shun the way of pain and ask you to give us what we want instead: power, honour, glory, status, popularity. We are distracted by these desires in our homes, our work, and our social circles, frantically jostling for position, and trying to manufacture meaning, belonging, and purpose for ourselves.

# We would rather forget

that your way is one of service and sacrifice and pursue the things that our world tells us are the most important. We confess that service and sacrifice don't really appeal that much; that drinking your cup feels too costly, too hard, too uncertain. And so we jump ahead to the feel-good parts and we miss the good news completely: that you are close to us on this path, that you are transforming us through the journey, that loving and serving others is the greatest power and purpose.

Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage to trust your call to be last with you. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## **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**

Pages 758-759, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Isaiah 53:1-5 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## **OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP**

Through it All

A. Crouch/arr. N. Olanday

LITANY (paraphrased from Isaiah 53:1-5, "The Message") One: Listen to this: God's servant started out like a scraggly plant in a parched field - there was nothing attractive about him at all.

#### Many: Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this? One: He was looked down on and passed over, a man who knew pain and suffering firsthand.

Many: Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this? One: People looked at him and turned away, put off by what they saw - a no-account man.

Many: Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this?

One: But the fact is, it was our pains he carried our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. Many: Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this?

One: We blamed him for his lowliness, and called him cursed. But it was our sins that wounded and weighed him down. Many: Who would have thought God's saving power

would look like this? One: He suffered so we could be whole,

he carried our pain so we could be healed. Many: All praise and honour and glory to God for saving power that looks like this!

## **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

#273 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CHEREPONI **CHILDREN'S BLESSING** 

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION #433 O Christ the Same

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#### SECOND READING

Mark 10:32-45 Pages 47-48, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Let Us Be Great" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

(Silence for personal reflection)

### **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour arr. N. Olanday \*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** (sing 2x) #576 Make Me a Servant

K. Willard

**\*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 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me African-American Spiritual

\*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Becky Bonham; Prayers of the People - Christina Ward; Scripture Reading - Sean Henry, Devi Henry; Guest Pianist - Nathan Olanday; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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