

Growing Together in the Way of Jesus

"They're certainly entitled to think that, and they're entitled to full respect for their opinions... but before I can live with other folks I've got to live with myself. The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience."

- Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY May 9, 2021

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME Rev. Strednak Singer

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Nancy & Kent Stansberry

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Pat Gleason

CENTERING MUSIC Canzona J.S. Bach

INTROIT Olam Chesed Ibaneh

Sarah Sherman, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP Liz Pruchnicki

Please note that today's hymns are included at the end of the bulletin.

HYMN OF PRAISE Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Rev. Strednak Singer

Bounteous God, Giver of countless gifts of love

And our Guide when we're perplexed,

This world rejoices in You and we are here to join the song!

Like a mother bird, You tend and feed us.

When we become too settled in our ways,

You nudge us out of our nests to fly.

Let our hearts and hands and voices be fully engaged in praise this day!

Open our hearts to a fresh sense of Your indwelling presence.

Open our hands in deeper gratitude

And set them to work with a stronger sense of Your call.

Open our mouths to share the good news

Of what You have done and are doing in the world.

Open our lives to live with integrity.

Keep us in Your grace.

Let all that we do and say, all that we sing and pray,

Bring You glory today and every day.

And when we fall short of that lofty goal, as we surely do, forgive us.

Free us by Your grace to try again,

To walk in Your way of grace and compassion, Not to somehow earn Your love, But simply to show our thankfulness for it.

SILENT PRAYER WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out.

(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths will declare Your praise.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

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, Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Anne Evans. *soloist*

Spiritual

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & ILLUMINATION

Liz Pruchnicki

SCRIPTURE Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21 Rev. Strednak Singer

SERMON Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

"Integrity, Code Switching, and Beloved Community"

SEALING OF THE WORD IN COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Strednak Singer & Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

You are invited to share bread and juice or wine in your home. Together we remember that God's table knows no boundaries and that we are connected through this meal to one another and to saints across time and space.

COMMUNION MUSIC

My Hope Is Built

W. Bradbury

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Strednak Singer

HYMN OF SENDING

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

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