

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 3, 2025

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Yury Arbatsky

INTROIT

Give Thanks to the Lord, His Love is Everlasting (Psalm 107)

M. Guimont

Isaac Brooks, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 107)

Leader: We give thanks to you, O LORD, for You are good;

People: Your steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: For we wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to safety or salvation;

People: Hungry and thirsty, our souls fainted within us.

Leader: You deliver us from our distress, and You lead us by a straight way;

People: You satisfy the thirsty, and the hungry You fill with good things.

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things;

People: O LORD, let them consider Your steadfast love.

*HYMN #306

Fairest Lord Jesus
verses 1 and 3

CRUSADER'S HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God: we confess that we have sinned against others, against ourselves, and against You. We admit our share in the troubles which afflict the world; our selfishness which excludes others from our lives, our pride which ignores Your divine guidance, and our lack of faith which keeps us from doing the great things You desire. Grant us forgiveness, O God, and imbue us with Christ-like lives, that He may live in us and we in Him. We pray in the holy name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"Practical Atheism"

Rev. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
verses 1 and 2

FINEST WHEAT

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Statement of Proceedings

The Constitutional Questions to the Officers

The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

The Laying on of Hands

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Charge to the Officers

The Welcome into Fellowship

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

COPELAND

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Elements

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
verses 1 and 2

BEACH SPRING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Awhile Beside the Fount We Stay

G. Martin

*POSTLUDE

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.