

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 21, 2024

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Ich dank dir lieber Herre (I Thank You, Dear Lord)

J. C. Bach

INTROIT

Rest in God Alone (from Psalm 62)

R. J. Batastini/J. Gelineau

Cameron Carpenter, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 62:5-12)

Leader: Our souls wait in silence; our souls wait for God alone, for God alone is our hope.

People: God alone is our rock, our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests our deliverance and our honor; our rock and our refuge is in God.

People: We shall trust in God at all times; we shall pour out our hearts before him.

Leader: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery.

People: If riches increase, we shall not set our hearts on them.

Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have we heard this, that power belongs to God.

People: Steadfast love belongs to our Lord.

*HYMN INSERT

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
verses 1, 2, 3

TOPLADY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy: we confess that our lives do not reflect our Christian faith. You grant to us Your grace, but we abuse Your gift. You expect our decisions to be in accord with Your desires, but we do not measure up to Your expectations. You command us to love our neighbors, but we fail to obey Your will. Have mercy upon us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin. Redeem us, that we may never fall from Your grace again. Forgive us through Christ, our Savior, we pray. 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

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Come and Follow Me

Cohen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“The Time is Fulfilled”

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #345

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
verses 1 and 2

REST

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,
In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,

All things have been created through Him, and all were created for Him.
He is before all else that is. In Him, everything continues in being.

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning,
the Firstborn from the dead, so that He may be first in everything.

It pleased God To make absolute fullness reside in Him And, by means of Him,
to reconcile everything in His person, both on earth and in heaven,
making peace through the blood of His cross.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Shades of Blue
Ella Deaton, piano

Ella Deaton

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #543

Abide with Me
verse 1

EVENTIDE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God of Our Life

SANDON

*POSTLUDE

Zion, Lift Up Thy Voice and Sing

G. A. Murray

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Thank you to our Lay Reader, Philip Gump.