

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 30, 2024

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude

S. Winn

INTROIT

All with Joyful Exultation (Psalm 30)

Hasidic Melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 30:2-12)

Leader: O LORD our God, we cried to you for help,

People: And you have healed us.

Leader: O LORD, you brought up our souls from Sheol,

People: You restored us to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Leader: You have turned our mourning into dancing;

People: You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,

Leader: So that our souls may praise you and not be silent.

People: O LORD our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

*HYMN #267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of mercy and justice, we acknowledge falling short of your will at every turn. We often don't meet our own expectations, let alone measure up to your plans and hopes for us. We easily deceive ourselves that we are living "Godly" lives, while arrogantly judging others as falling short. Help us to honestly examine our lives and create in us a clean heart, O God. Help us to re-focus and re-orient our lives with you at the center. Hear us now, O God....

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you call us, but we have wax-filled ears; you reveal yourself, but our eyelids are heavy; you lead us - you send us - toward our neighbors, but we build walls around ourselves; you hate evil, injustice, and alienation, but we get used to it and turn our backs on those in need. O God, help us to see ourselves both as we are and as we might be with you. Draw us by your Spirit's tether into your forgiving, renewing and empowering grace. We ask this through the mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

A Wilderness Wandering People

J. Strathdee

Arleita Dirne, soprano and Beth Underwood, mezzo-soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:22-23 Mark 5:21-43

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"Life Interrupted"

Karen S. May, Elder

*HYMN #379

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.....With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

A Voluntary

Esther Fleet

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the many gifts you have bestowed on us. Your generosity calls us to give back so that LIGHT may shine for those who walk in darkness; HOPE may come to those who live in despair; and JUSTICE come to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in this important opportunity - to share your love with the world. To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves to you. AMEN.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #432

Song of Hope

ARGENTINA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*POSTLUDE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

This morning we welcome Karen May into our pulpit.

Note: Some liturgy in the service is adapted from *Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship Like Bread for the Journey*, Ruth C. Duck, ed. The Pilgrim Press, Cleveland, Ohio. 1985, and from *Women's Prayer Services*, Iben Gjerding and Katherine Kinnamon, eds, Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, Conn. 1991.

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