

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 16, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Childs/Wolf

INTROIT

SOLO

*To God the Father, God the Son**
Amie Roberts, soprano

Tallis' Canon

Text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honour, praise, and glory giv'n,
By all on earth and all in heav'n.

**On Sunday, 13 March 1859, the church sang this doxology by Isaac Watts as part of the dedication service for the second church building.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Isaiah 43:18-19)

Leader: Let us not dwell on former things;

People: Let us not consider the things of old.

Leader: For the LORD is about to do a new thing;

People: God's steadfast love is springing forth;

Leader: And we can see the LORD's favor.

People: The LORD will make a way in the wilderness;

Leader: And our God will make rivers in the desert.

People: Behold, the LORD is about to do a new thing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: as we rejoice in the life of Your church, we also remember that we have not always been true to the best which is in us, nor to the highest to which You have called us. Our faith in Your gospel has been corrupted by self-interest. Our commitment has been more to self than to Jesus Christ. Hear us as we confess our sins, O Lord, forgive us and create within us a new spirit of service in Your church. In the name of Christ, the Head of the church, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM SOLO

O Word of Life, Be Thou My Guide
Amie Roberts, soprano
Text by Curtis "T" Christian IV, 2016

LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:19-22
(read from original pulpit bible)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

The House that God Built

Dr. Curtis Christian

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT OF HISTORY

SOLO

We Cannot Build Alone
Amie Roberts, soprano

DARWALL'S 148

Text by Abraham Coles (1813-1891) and based on Psalm 127:1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO

For All Thy Saints, O Lord
Amie Roberts, soprano

DENNIS

Text written in 1837 by Richard Mant (1776-1848)

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postludium

Hesse

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is David Coleman.