

Order of Worship

January 29, 2023

Preparation

Prelude

Words of Welcome | Anna Dickson

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship | Williams, ed. Young

This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen!

Hymn No. 81 | “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” | AUSTRIAN HYMN

Confession

Call to Confession | Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you invite us to trust you with our whole lives. We confess that, too often, we place our trust elsewhere, choosing to rely on our own efforts and our own wisdom instead. Forgive us for living as if you are indifferent to us, and help us to seek you with open and courageous hearts, so that we might live as you intend, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Response to Pardon | Hymn No. 581 | 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.

Anthem | “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door” | Spiritual | Carol & Kirk Choirs

Somebody’s knocking at your door; somebody’s knocking at your door; O sinner, why don’t you answer? Somebody’s knocking at your door. Knocks like Jesus. Can’t you hear him? Answer Jesus. O sinner, why don’t you answer? Somebody’s knocking at your door.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Matthew 5:1-2, 7:7-11 | pew Bible p. 4

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | “Hear My Prayer” | Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the mornin’ when I rise. It’s your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It’s your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done and you come to take me home, just to know I’m bound for glory, and to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

Sermon | “Intentions: I Want to Pray More” | Anna Dickson

Anthem | “Standing in the Need of Prayer” | arr. Moses Hogan

It's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, not my mother, not my father, not the deacon, not the preacher, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Response

Affirmation of Faith | from “A Brief Statement of Faith” | Pen Peery

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Allegro con moto” | arr. Jason Krug | Ivey Ringers

Doxology | Hymn No. 606 | OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Statement of Purpose | Constitutional Questions

Sending Forth

Hymn No. 175 | “Seek Ye First” | LAFFERTY

Benediction

Benediction Response | RANDOLPH

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude