29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18th, 2020 **11:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Entrée En Forme de Carillon*** *Théodore Dubois*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 106

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Give thanks to the Lord because God is good.
All: God's faithfulness endures forever!
One: Remember us, O Lord, and show us your favor;
All: That we may rejoice in your joy, praise your name, and experience the good things your chosen ones experience.

HYMN OF PRAISE ***Holy. Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*** NICAEA

We invite you to meditate on the lyrics as the hymn is played.
Please refrain from singing out loud.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty, you have drawn near to us, but we have turned away from your light. You have chosen us to be your people, but we have lived as though we belonged to ourselves. Forgive us for going the way of the world, doing the works of darkness, and forgetting your law of love. Empower us by your Spirit to be welcoming, faithful and hopeful followers of Jesus, who taught us by word and example how to live as your children, to your honor and glory. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God separated us from our sin.
All: We rejoice in the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE ***Glory Be to the Father*** GLORIA PATRI

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✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 96

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

ANTHEM ***O Rest in the Lord*** *Felix Mendelssohn*

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him
And he shall give thee thy heart's desires
Commit thy way unto him and trust in him
And fret not thyself because of evil doers
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him
And he shall give thee thy heart's desires

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✙AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Heidelberg Catechism

Christ, having redeemed us, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our very living our neighbors may also know Christ.

TIME FOR REFLECTION ***Élévation*** *Théodore Dubois*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION 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.

HYMN OF SENDING ***Give Thanks, O Christian People*** ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

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✙BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✙POSTLUDE ***Sortie-Fughetta in D Major*** *Théodore Dubois*