

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm
Voice of contentment, whose presence is balm
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray
Peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you love for us to be one, just as you and the Father are one. But we gravitate toward those who think like us, behave like us, pray like us, because it is easier than looking beyond difference to discover what is good and kind and faithful in those we call other. Even in our houses of worship, we are slow to reach across the aisle to embrace our brothers and sisters in faith with whom we hold little in common. Forgive us, we pray. Make us one that we might continue the work you gave us to do. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

First Reading – Isaiah 42:5-9

Anthem

High Lonesome Credo

(Ramsay/Sharp)

UT Concert Choir & FPC Oak Ridge Chancel Choir

Directors: Dr. Lindsey Cope & Ms. Anna Thomas

Conductor: Dr. Tim Sharp

***We believe in God the Father, we believe in Christ the Son
We believe in the Holy Ghost, the One in Three and Three in One
We believe, we believe***

We believe that God created all that is, seen and unseen, all is his
We believe in Christ, God's only Son, God of God, Light of Light, from heaven come

Chorus

Born of blessed Mary, Christ became a man, suffered under Pilate, died and rose again
Sent the Holy Spirit to the Bride of Christ, spoke by the prophets, gives his church life

Chorus

We believe one Holy Church and one baptism for our sins
The dead will rise to the life eternal, the redeemed will live with him

Chorus

Second Reading – Acts 1:6-14

Homily

Affirmation of Faith – *from* The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

Offering

He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands

arr. Bonds

April Hill, Soprano

Matthew Mimbs, Piano

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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.

Closing Hymn

The Unchanging Word

(Pierce/Reynolds)

We are called to go (we are called to go)
Into all the world (into all the world)
And to preach the Truth (and to preach the Truth)
Of the Word of God (of the Word of God)

1 – And to future generations from the city to the nations

2 – Bringing reconciliation through the Spirit of salvation

Our faith is strong (our faith is strong)
As we sing this song (as we sing this song)
Of the unchanging Word of God in a changing world
Of the unchanging Word of God in a changing world

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Partita on Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul

Georg Böhm