FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 30, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRELUDE — *It Is Well with My Soul* (Dr. Tom Andrews, piano)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Luke 4:18-19, Dick Wigton

As the body of Christ in our own day,
we claim the commission that gave shape to Jesus' life:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Let us worship the One who still is creating, redeeming, and sustaining the world.

***HYMN 463** — *How Firm a Foundation* — American Folk Melody

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Lord Jesus,
When I would shut my eyes—
because I am afraid to see,
when I would hold on tightly—
because I am afraid to share,
when I would close my doors—
because I am afraid to get involved,
may I find courage
in the company of your people,
learning with them to open my eyes,
my hands,
my home
and my heart.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SONG OF JOY** *Glory to God*

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria! Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-30

SERMON *Today's Invitation* Margaret LaMotte Torrence

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 1 Corinthians 13:1-2, 4-7
Dick Wigton

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love,
I am nothing.

Love is patient;
love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

ANTHEM *With Songs of Rejoicing* J.S. Bach
(The Chancel Choir)

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord,
For he has done marvelous, marvelous things.
Break forth into joy!

His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ.
The floods clap their hands and the hills sing for joy.
The seas with their roaring speak praise to his name.

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord,
For he has done marvelous, marvelous things.
Break forth into joy!

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord.
Come make a joyful noise; sing unto the Lord Alleluia.
Sing alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Margaret LaMotte Torrence

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 767** *Together We Serve* San Anselmo

Choir: Together we serve,
United by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
Through sorrow and joy,
Extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become
A beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
To let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred,
The wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
To those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace,
We witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
In Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.

***BENEDICTION** Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* Andre Campra

Today we welcome guest organist and director **Cynthia Roberts-Greene,** who grew up in Sarasota and studied organ and piano locally. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Music degree from Florida State University, and her Master's degree in organ from the Eastman School of Music as a student of Russell Saunders. Cynthia has concertized extensively in Southwest Florida and in the U.S. She is the former Music Director-Organist of Siesta Key Chapel, and currently serves as Music Director-Organist of Temple Emanu-El, where she was recently celebrated for her 25 years of service.

Today's Prayer of Confession was posted on http://www.christianaid.org.uk/