



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, January 29, 2023)

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Prelude: ADAGIO in G Minor Tommaso Albinoni

The fruit of silence is Prayer.

The fruit of prayer is Faith.

The fruit of faith is Love.

The fruit of love is Service.

The fruit of service is Peace. ~ Mother Teresa

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Ray Klopotek, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice,

Love kindness,

And walk humbly with God.

Let us worship!

Opening Hymn: #1 - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Who wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God. Let us pray together....

Prayer of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word. When we participate in negativity or in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. By the power of your mercy, forgive us, Lord, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, this is good news that your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hate and forgiveness over blame.

God's mercy is great and in Christ, we experience healing, justice, and peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response: #468 -"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

Redeeming God, your Word is a gift that rescues us from slavery to self and sin. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross as we hear it read and proclaimed, and through it, show us how to live a life of justice, kindness and humility. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 15

(Liturgist)

1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Micah 6:1-8

(Pastor Michelle)

1 Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
3 'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'
6 'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Sermon

The Search for Satisfaction

Rev. Michelle Fincher

Hymn after Sermon: #749 "Come, Live in the Light"

Come! Live in the Light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

REFRAIN:

We are called to act with justice; We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and violence will be no more. (Refrain)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love (Refrain)

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

With what shall we come before the Lord this day? We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing's Jesus' love. Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world. Offering plates are available at the front and back of the sanctuary. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication. . .

Prayer of Dedication

We thank you, God, for the abundance of gifts you share with us for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your reign of justice, peace and kindness with all creation. Amen.

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.

Closing Hymn:

757 - "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples "

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword.
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

Benediction

Postlude: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE Beethoven / Hopson

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,

Rachel Jelsma, trumpet

Ray Klopotek, liturgist and Glenn Fahrig, technology team