

ORDER OF WORSHIP – June 2, 2024

300TH ANNIVERSARY BELL RINGING
1744 - 1754

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WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world belongs to God,

All: The Earth and all its people.

One: How good it is, how wonderful,

All: To live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together.

All: Justice and peace join hands.

One: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

All: The stones would shout aloud.

One: Open our lips, O Lord,

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

*HYMN

We Are Called to be God's People, 580

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey

(of the United Church of Canada)

One: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

One: In life, in death, in life beyond death,

All: God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO OFFERING

Come Just as You Are

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again, he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

***GOSPEL RESPONSE**

One: For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Erring on the Side of Mercy"

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

***HYMN**

As We Gather at Your Table, 695

THE LORD'S SUPPER***INVITATION**

One: The first time Jesus sat down to this meal, among those gathered there was one who would doubt him, one who would deny him, one who would betray him, and they would all leave him alone before that night was over -

All: And he knew it.

One: Still, he sat down and ate with them. If he ate with them, surely he's ready to eat with us - baptized or not, believer or not so sure, saint or sinner or a little of both. All you have to be to eat at this table is hungry.

All: God will do the rest.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***SANCTUS**

CONSECRATION

One: And now, O God, with grateful joy, we remember Jesus.

Silence is kept.

One: We remember that he came to us humbly.

All: He put aside the glory that was his.

One: We remember that his ministry was to the least and the lost.

All: He taught us to welcome the stranger.

One: We remember that your will is revealed to us as we do the things that Jesus did.

All: Jesus did your will, and trusted your love.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you things that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

Now Let Us from This Table Rise, 715

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Flowers are from Patricia Drenzek in prayers for her cousin Gerri and Family.