

ORDER OF WORSHIP – June 13, 2021

*Please rise in body or spirit

TRINITY RING

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Called to be branches in Christ's body,

All: we yearn to be connected to the vine.

One: Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

All: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

One: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

All: we seek God's nurturing presence.

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

God is Here, 1

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

One: We trust in God.

All: 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, God is with us.

All: We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA

*PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace of Christ in sign and word.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Todd Skrzyniarz

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

(Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL PREPARATION

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

"Tell Me a Story"

*HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story, 560

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*HYMN

Sing a New Church, 577

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION