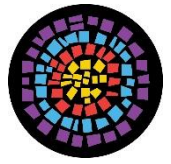


Service of the Lord's Day

October 11, 2020



God's People Gather

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prelude Blessed Assurance -- arr. Hayes

*Call to Worship

L: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

P: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

L: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

P: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

L: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

P: You, O Lord, are exalted forever.

(Psalm 92)

***Hymn Christ, Be Our Light** (*please join in humming or meditating on the words*)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, the light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

(silence) **In your mercy, forgive we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says, "Follow me; I will lead you into life."

*Response

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Precious Lord, Take My Hand -- arr. J. Schrader

Soloist, Alec Dorris

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:28-31

Sermon A Better Story

Dr. Bruce Main, Urban Promise

God's People Respond

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Offering our Gifts and Lives

*Response

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Comissioning of Mission Workers

Prayers of the People

...The Lord be with you.
And also with you...

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

*Hymn We Are Marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing...

*Blessing

*Postlude The Solid Rock – arr. D. Wells