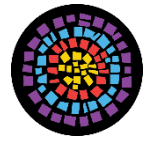


Service of the Lord's Day

October 18, 2020



God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your family.

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 Minuet Bridge

Janet Marquardt, violin, and Ross Beauchamp, cello

*Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God, the source, guide and goal of all that is!

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us!

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, the divine wind, who revives and renews us!

To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ, let us worship God!

*Hymn **Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy** *(please hum along or reflect on the words with the singers)*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

(in silence, let us examine ourselves in the light of God's holy love)

Faithful and loving God, we are sorry for the many times we have left you
and chosen to satisfy our own self-centered desires;

Holy One, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we have hurt members of our family by insensitivity or indifference,
or a refusal to help carry the family load;

Holy One, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern;

Holy One, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what is right
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice;

Holy One, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we have refused to forgive others;

Holy One, we have sinned. Forgive us.

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**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Joyce

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Rev. Kerry Pidcock-Lester

God's People Respond

***Affirmation of Faith** *(from the Belhar Confession)*

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger; helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands. (Is. 42:1-7; Luke 6:20-26; Luke 4:16-19; Ps. 146; Micah 6:8; Ps. 83:1-5)

Ordination and Installation of Leaders

Offering our Gifts and Lives

***Response** *(feel free to hum as the singers express the dedication of our offerings)*

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.

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 God of Grace and God of Glory** *(please hum along or reflect on the words with the singers)*

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*Blessing

***Postlude Trumpet Sonata** Purcell

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.

The flowers are given and dedicated by Debbie Mohollen to the church families of her formative years and to those who continue to grow a peace and love worthy of sharing with God's children – the young and the old.

Last week's flowers were given by Mike and Ginny Bleyer in appreciation to our Spiritual Leaders, Carter and Kerry, as well as our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, Jaylee Ferreri. It is through their love and support of our congregation that our hearts can be filled with assurance of the love of the Lord!