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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 29, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Peter Davis

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship (**bold** = unison)

Leader: When we come to this space, we bring all of ourselves.

***People:* We bring joy and hope,**

Leader: dreams and prayers,

***People:* grief and doubt,**

Leader: memories and heartache.

***People:* God meets us here.**

Leader: God hears our prayers and sees our scars.

***People:* With open hearts and authenticity,**

Leader: Let us worship good and gracious God.

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of creation,

Humanity is capable of such evil.

Stories in scripture alongside stories on the news remind us of that truth all the time.

For the moments when we choose violence over peace, exclusion over inclusion, and fear over hope — Forgive us.

When we choose pride over what is right, and comfort over justice — Show us mercy.

And when we numb our pain instead of leaning into empathy — Unravel us, for we long to be changed.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

*As a reminder, we will not be singing hymns together until COVID conditions have improved.
Special music selections will continue to be added until then.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Gloria *We Are Forgiven*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson 2 Samuel 3:7; 21:1-14

Sermon The Courage to Pivot
Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Grady, EdD

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

*Special Music

Come! Live in the Light!

David Haas

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Improvisation

*WBPC strives to keep everyone safe and healthy as we worship together. **Please think of others and follow these***

***few simple exit instructions:** if you are seated on the pulpit side, please exit front to back through the columbarium exit (or in inclement weather, the breezeway). If you are seated on the organ side, please exit*

back to front through the Narthex. Leaders will be on hand to assist you through the exit process.

Worship Notes

Director of Music: Dr. Elizabeth Davis

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