

# Service for the Lord's Day

## October 27, 2019

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### THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *Duo* F. Couperin

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT** *Holy, Holy, Holy* F. Mendelssohn

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Isaiah 58: 6-9)*

Leader: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

**People: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

Leader: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

**People: Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am**

**\*HYMN 461** *God is Here!*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and gracious God, At times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!  
**People: In Jesus Christ, God calls us by name, claims us in love, and brings us hope!**

**\*ASCRPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 403**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

**\*PASSING OF PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

The children have designated this year's children's offering for the **Heifer Project** and **Laundry Love**. If you want to contribute, we invite you to place your gifts in the baskets on the chancel steps as we greet one another this morning.

### THE PROCLAMATION

**THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN and CHILDREN'S OFFERING**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**\*or "Our Creator"**

**ANTHEM**

*Esxultati Justi*

L. Viadana

(Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Ezekiel 1:1-14*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

*A Visit To Starbucks*

Rev. J. Patrick Vaughn

**\*HYMN 355**

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

**THE SENDING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*He Watching Over Israel*

F. Mendelssohn

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

- or -

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN 430**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Threefold Amen*

James McGregor

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Menuet Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

*\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.*

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