

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

MINUTE FOR EDUCATION

Carol Schulzrinne

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You are the creator of all the wonders that make up this world. When we fail to care for and protect this lovely land, with its mountains and its oceans, rivers and lakes; its flowers and its wondrous creatures, forgive us. Gracious God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ, when we fail to live out the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us, forgive us. When we judge others by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as persons loved and accepted by You; forgive us. Powerful God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth, when we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity or our abuse of ethical and moral principles, forgive us. Fill us anew with Your creative power that we may be reborn in Your image, glorifying You in and through who we are as Jesus' disciples. In His name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., "*The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*"

Response - "*And also with you.*")

+ *Children and Youth leave for their classes.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 8:22-31

SECOND LESSON John 16:12-15

SERMON "Whether We Like It Or Not" Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY God is Gone Up Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout. Methinks I see the Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies: Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, sing praises out, in flakes of Glory down him to attend, unto our King, sing praise seraphicwise! And hear heartcramping notes of melody; Lift up your heads, surround his chariot as it did ascend; ye lasting doors, they sing, missing their music, making ev'ry string and let the King of Glory enter in. More to enravish as they this tune sing.

EDWARD TAYLOR (1642 - 1729)

* THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal and ever-living God...

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS 581 (choir and congregation)

Joseph Roff

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. ... And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

People: 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, forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.—Revelation 3:20

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

BREAD: To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

CUP: Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Hymn 140

Holy, Holy

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*

* BENEDECTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach

The "St. Anne" Prelude and Fugue are perhaps Bach's best known example of abstract symbolism. The 3x3 sections in the prelude, the three fugues with three proportional meters, and key of E-flat (with three flats), in the "St. Anne" all are intended to invoke the name of the Holy Trinity.

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 8:22-31 (NRSV)

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

John 16:12-15 (NRSV)

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.