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Worship



Sunday, November 13, 2022

11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming!

Response: God will complete creation: a new heaven and a new earth.

Leader: The glory of the Lord is coming!

Response: God will overturn each stone and bring justice into light.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is coming!

Response: God will draw us into communion, and all our prayers will be thanksgiving.

Leader: Let us worship God!

+Hymn *This Is My Father's World* #293

Call to Confession

Leader: Sometimes it is hard to see God's hand in our world. Often it is easy to lose hope and allow ourselves to turn away from God's desires in the world. But God offers us new life each day. Let us join together as a community to confess our sin, to claim and reclaim the forgiveness and hope that God gives each us.

Prayer of Confession

O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Your spirit calls us to movement and change, but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful. We choose the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, selfishness over service, diatribe over dialogue. O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us our sins, and move us to live as people transformed.

(Moment of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, the good news is from everlasting to everlasting. We have a God who desires to welcome us home. Live in the good news we receive this and every day. In Jesus, we are forgiven.

Response: We are forgiven people, living in God's grace. May we live as children of God in all that we do. Thanks be to God. Amen. (Moment of silent prayer.)

Response of Praise *Holy God, We Praise Your Name (vv. 1 and 4 only) #460*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As God has forgiven us to draw us back into his love, let us live as people who live in this grace, sharing the peace of Christ with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, the words of Scripture are God breathed, inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit breath you word into us, so that we become your faithful in a world that is starving for good news. For the sake of the Living Word, Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 65: 17-25

17 For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

20 No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,[a]
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

24 Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Hymn *Change My Heart, O God (2x)* #2152 - *The Faith We Sing*

Gospel Reading **Luke 21: 5-19** 5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

Signs and Persecutions

7 They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” 8 And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’[a] and, ‘The time is near!’[b] Do not go after them.

9 “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” 10 Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, 15 for I will give you words[c] and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Sermon *It's a Pull!* Rev. Terry Webster

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that in Jesu of Nazareth, true humanity was realized for all. Jesus lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and become a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. We believe that God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

(From the Confession of 1967)

Offering Prayer

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: The world, and those who live in it.

L: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

P: and of your own we give you.

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; in the way of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Response of Praise *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* #2031 - *The Faith We Sing*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *God of the Sparrow* #272

+Charge and Benediction