

November 8, 2020

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

*Service for the
Worship of God*



Our Mission is to be a community of disciples with a heart for God and hands to help others.

* = All who are able please stand. ♦ **boldface** = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (From "A Brief Statement of Faith" in the *Book of Confessions*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.

PRELUDE: *Lead, Kindly Light*

arr. Dale Wood

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive reading of Psalm 70)

Leader: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

People: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back.

Leader: Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

People: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Leader: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

ALL: You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus, you seem absent when we struggle with suffering, but you are there with your strength: forgive us when we stop looking for you. Jesus Christ, often we forget you in the cares of everyday life, but you are there with us: forgive us when we ignore you. Lord Jesus, we neglect to care for you in our sick and abandoned neighbors who you commanded we love: forgive us when we think only of ourselves. Lord, and make us look for your presence. Call our attention to you over all the noise of the news, and pull us from our 'stuck-ness' to be present in your kingdom that is present now. Walk with us and lead us to the feast of everlasting life. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: No matter what we have done or left undone, God love us and forgives us.

People: God loves all people: we are united in love and forgiveness.

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: Alleluia, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 1-13

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Song Without Words* by Mendelssohn

Tyler Moy

MESSAGE: *Why we Give: Hope for the Future*

Responding to the Word

SPECIAL LITANY for Election Week – (from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)

Leader: O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

People: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

Leader: To the newly elected officials; the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Leader: To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Leader: To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Leader: And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy name.

People: For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

POSTLUDE: *God Will Take Care of You*

arr. Charity Boyles

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Lisa Miller, Reader

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director

Darlene Richards, Organ

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor