

Celebration of Worship

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for lemonade in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Contemplation

*“It’s sundown, Lord,
The shadows of my life stretch back
into the dimness of the years long spent.
I fear not death, for that grim foe betrays himself at last,
thrusting me forever into life;*

Life with You, unsoiled and free.

But I do fear.

I fear the Dark Spectre may come too soon

-or do I mean too late?

*That I should end before I finish or
finish, but not well.*

*That I should stain Your honor, shame Your name,
grieve your loving heart.*

*...No Lord. Let fruit grow lush and sweet,
a joy to all who taste;
Spirit-sign of God at work,
Stronger, fuller, brighter at the end.”*

Let Me Get Home Before Dark
Robertson McQuilken

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

The Lord Ineffable

Paxton

We Offer Praise

STILLING: *In silence, ask the Holy Spirit to help us
pay attention and to worship God.*

WORDS IN PREPARATION

GOD’S PEOPLE PRAY TOGETHER (in unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that, through the gift of our baptism, you have embraced us as your own, and made us one in Christ’s Body. By the power of your Holy Spirit, continue to nourish and strengthen us in the ways of faith, hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE *Praise Ye the Lord*

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* GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

God Speaks Through the Word with a Heart of Love

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *I Kings 2:10-12 ; 3:3-14*

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NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON *Ephesians 4:17-24*

CEB

SERMON *Two Ways of Looking at It, and They Both End Badly*

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

God Offers Grace

WE ARE CALLED TO CONFESSION

WE ADMIT OUR GUILT AND SIN

GOD FORGIVES US IN JESUS CHRIST

We Respond in Rededication

* SONG

For Everyone Born

Back cover

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Berceuse

Chris Hall, cello

Beach

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CLOSING SONG

Help Us Accept Each Other

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* DISMISSAL (responsively)

Leader: As you go into the world, do so as God’s faithful people.

People: We go in God’s strength to do justice and to love.

* GOD’S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* POSTLUDE

Fantasia on “Duke Street”

Paxton

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS