

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. Nursery & toddler care is available if you need it. The Young 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 coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“Our experience of the life of faith comes to us from participation in a faith community. What is disclosed in revelation is the dimension of the Holy. It comes as a gift and ‘breaks in’ to our life.”

John Macquarrie

God Invites Us to Worship

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Wood

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: You were not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was made for you.

All: We choose to gather on this Sabbath to worship, to pray, and to share with one another.

One: Jesus asked, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to harm, to save life or to kill?”

All: We choose compassion and justice and healing. In this Sabbath time together we choose life!

One: Why have you come here this morning?

All: We have come to worship and praise God!

INVOCATION

* HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* # 150

God Offers Grace

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has always been there for us, loving us and calling us to be all that we can be. Let us tell God all about ourselves, not leaving anything out.

PRAYER (in unison)

Ever-loving, ever-living God, you have given us life itself and have asked each of us to be life-giving people in your name. But we, in turn, have cared more about ourselves and the comfort that we have rather than about people in every place. There are people in our very presence who are left out of our thoughts and prayers, because our minds and hearts are too crowded with all the things that make us feel self-satisfied. The world aches for peace while we proclaim power to be more important. People on our streets give us the purpose that you gave to people in Jesus’ time: to be faithful disciples in your care. There is no greater joy in the heart of God than when a daughter or son opens to the gift of forgiveness. God’s Spirit reaches out to assure us welcome in Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsively)

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are God’s by grace. With great joy we are made new and alive.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.
‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

God Speaks through the Word

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART

SPECIAL MUSIC *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. DeCou
Lee Ann Daigle & Pat Korenkiewicz

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Revelation 1:1-8* p. 994

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 8:26-39* p. 841

SERMON *Recipe for Faith* Part 1 of 3

Take a little experience, a little reason and a little revelation,
and shake it all together.

Pastor Larry De Vuyst

LITURGY OF BELONGING

* HYMN *Holy Spirit, Lord of Love* # 524

We Respond to God's Love

BRINGING GOD OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

* HYMN *For All the Saints* # 526

God Sends Us Out to Serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

* BLESSING

One: May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all.

All: Amen.

One: Bless the name of the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised!

* POSTLUDE *Allegro* Anon