

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 2021

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask to support our children and those with health concerns.

*Please note that the choir will sing all hymns and responses at this service.
The congregation is invited to hum.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio in E minor

Frank Bridge
(1879-1941)

INTROIT

Opening Prayer

Janet Smiley
(b. 1954)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
let us go to the house of the Lord.

People: **How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts.**

Leader: From the beginning, God's Spirit has moved over creation,
constantly challenging us,
shaping us and calling us to new life.

People: **We rejoice that the Spirit is with us forever,
and we delight that we can worship in this place again.**

Leader: We say together—

People: **Praise to you, O God!**

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

"K" in *A Selection of Hymns, 1787*
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music, 1832*

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fiery trials thy path-way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only de-sign

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
Up-held by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress,
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LAMENT *(unison)*

Leader: Loving God, who hears us when we cry to you, and who, through the death of your Son, Jesus Christ, knows the pain of body, mind and spirit, we remember in silence those who have lost their lives and those who have lost their livelihoods during this season.

Over the past months we have faced new challenges and realities. The coronavirus has spared most, but taken many, and bruised us all.

We are thankful for our safety, yet are mindful of the bereaved. We have kept the faith, yet there have been times of doubt; we have trusted you, yet there have been times of fear; we have kept ourselves safe, and others have risked all for us.

People: **We come together as broken people who seek your wholeness once again, and who dare to ask for the strength to sing a very new song. As we look forward to the time when we are fully and safely gathered, we offer our worship, our sadness and our praise. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau
(b. 1977)

Congregation



Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Choir and Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Silence in us any voice but your own, gracious God, and speak to us your word of truth, power and hope. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

II Corinthians 5:6-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer

those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

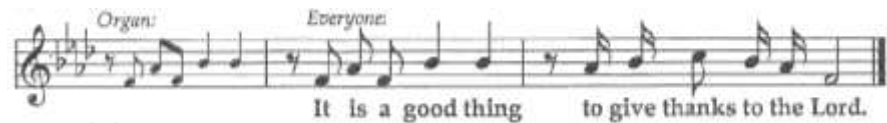
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 92:2-3, 11-14

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

Antiphon



To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

On the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

Antiphon

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

Antiphon

They shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

That they may show how upright the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is no fault.

Antiphon

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

HYMN (*seated*)

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come. He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Home and Away"

John Wilkinson

***HYMN**

God of Our Life

SANDON

As the choir sings the hymn, all are invited to come forward via the center aisle, pew by pew, when invited by the ushers, to light a candle and place it in a container. Please return to your seat via the side aisle. We will then share the litany.

Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1916; alt. 1928

Charles Henry Purday, 1860
Harm. John Weaver, 1986

1. God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, We trust in Thee;
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a-bide.
3. God of the com-ing years, through paths un-known We fol-low Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land; Be Thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone; Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,
With Thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,
Be Thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,

We own Thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.
And faith's fair vi-sion chan-ges in-to sight.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord—
People: Who made heaven and earth.
 Leader: With deep gratitude, we gather to re-enter this place, following a long season of pandemic and separation.
People: Together or apart, God has been present always, to guide and to judge, to illuminate and to bless.
 Leader: We remember all those who died from the coronavirus.
People: May their memory be a blessing.
 Leader: We remember all who yet grieve and mourn.
People: That God may comfort them in their sorrow.
 Leader: We give thanks for nurses and doctors and medical researchers, for those who offered care and those who have led us to greater health.
People: We thank God for gifts of wisdom and healing.
 Leader: We give thanks for frontline and essential workers, who risked their own safety and health for the common good.
People: We thank God for gifts of service and sacrifice.
 Leader: We give thanks for teachers and all who nurture our children and youth.
People: We continue to pray for children and youth and families.
 Leader: During this strange and challenging time, our perspectives have changed, our relationships deepened. We have worshipped in new and different ways, considered our well-being and allowed creation to speak to us.
People: We thank God for blessings received.
 Leader: We light these candles to grieve and mourn, to remember, to find hope, to lead us into the future.
People: The light of Christ is always with us. Christ is our light and our salvation.
 Leader: Together, let us say what we believe.
All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Offering plates are available at each sanctuary door, where you may share your offering, as you enter or depart. You may continue to send pledges and other gifts to the church office, or give online.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.*

Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Thank you for leading us back into this place. Bless what we give, and bless what we may become, as we seek to serve you and share your hope with the world you love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

Richard Farrant
(1530-1580)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Grand Chœur

Théodore Salomé
(1834-1896)

**Congregation standing*

LEADING WORSHIP: Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor

LITURGIST: Jim Spause

MUSIC: Gallery Choir, Daniel Spratlan, Conductor; Ken Lovett, Organist

GREETERS: Elder: Martha Agate; Deacon: Alison Abernethy

USHERS: Narthex: Barbara Keeler; Front Sanctuary Door: Robert Bausman

FLOWER GUILD: Chancel: Barrett Stewart and Grace Stewart; Narthex: Barbara Frazier and Mary Anne Van Blarcom

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Thomas N. Lawton and
Walter and Beverly Dorer
by John and Kristin Lawton.
Flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Peter and James Van Blarcom
by Mary Anne Van Blarcom and the Butler family.*

Memorial Service for Barbara Spaeth

A memorial service for Barbara Spaeth will be held Saturday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

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