

Order of Worship

March 10, 2024

Preparation

Prelude | “If You Will Only Let God Guide You” | arr. Craig Phillips

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship | Eric Thiman

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Hymn No. 35 | “Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty” | LOBE DEN HERREN

Confession

Call to Confession | Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion,

forgive us for closing our eyes to the realities of our world that are easier to ignore than to address;

forgive us for believing that we are the center of our lives, instead of believing that all of our lives are connected to one another;

forgive us for minimizing our responsibility for being your ambassadors of grace.

Heal us, we pray, and make us whole. We ask it in faith.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Response to Pardon | Hymn No. 581 | GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism of Wills Edmond Ford

Apostles' Creed

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.

Proclamation

Anthem | “Open Thou Mine Eyes” | John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God, and beside thee let there be none else, no other, ought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private, and in public. Open thou mine eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | John 9 | Elias Humphrey, Emma Monroe, and Gray Ryan

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Encountering Jesus: Finding Identity” | Pen Peery

Hymn No. 450 | “Be Thou My Vision” | SLANE

Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer | Lucy Crain

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.

Stewardship of Life | Easter Offering | Hannah Beavers

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Amazing Grace” | arr. Ed Lojeski | Men’s Ensemble

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious that grace did appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; ‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun. We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

Doxology | OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

Hymn No. 12 | “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” | ST. DENIO

Benediction

Benediction Response | GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude