

9:00 a.m.

Devotional Service

May 1, 2022

Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome and Life in the Community

*Hymn 515 ***I Come with Joy*** (vv. 1, 3, & 5) DOVE OF PEACE

*Expressing of Joy

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is God that made us, and we are his; we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God; bless his name!

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

*Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 137:1-4 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 544 in the pew Bible.]

Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-9 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 118-119 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation ***How God Uses Challenging Situations*** The Rev. Vance Polley

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*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication and Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *The 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.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 727 ***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*** (vv. 1 - 3) THE SERVANT SONG

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.