

9:00 a.m.

Devotional Service

July 2, 2023

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.

*Hymn 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

*Expressing Our Joy

Reece Humphreys

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.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

(Psalm 100)

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Confidence and Trust

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

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us.

Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Job 14:1-2 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 439 in the pew Bible.]

Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 11 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation

The Fragile Human

Reece Humphreys

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

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.

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*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.