

Order of Worship

12 July 2020

Prayer of Preparation

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and would walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies* Callahan

*Call to Worship from Psalm 65

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

**You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.**

When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.

**Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!**

We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.

**You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,**

the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,

**who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,**

who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

**The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

Together let us pray.

**Holy God, creator of the universe, author of faith itself,
infuse your people with trust so that as you have given life to
your people throughout the ages, we too might know the true
healing that comes from your steadfast word, through Christ
Jesus, our Savior.**

Let us worship God.

Solo *My Country 'Tis of Thee* Smith/1744
Pat K. Rowlett, soprano

Prayer of Confession

**Patient and persistent God,
we come, polished and presentable,
to this comfortable space
as if we knew what to expect,
as if this were a safe and predictable place,
as if we could simply observe.
Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations.
In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.
Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts
until we bloom and spill with your passion
to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest
and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.”** Matthew 22:37-39

Prayer of Illumination

Lesson

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 25:19-34

Sermon

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