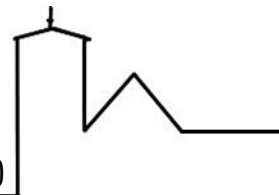


12th Sunday After Pentecost

(Proper 15)



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Sonata no.2 (Op. 65 no.2) mvmt. 1

Mendelssohn

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and may God's face shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth.

Let the people honor you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples honor you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; may all the ends of the earth revere her.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation, yet we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and our neighbor, yet we have failed to show that love. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short, and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*RESPONSIVE*)

GLORIA Hymn 567

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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

***PSALM 133 Hymn 241**

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

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EPISTLE: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

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

SERMON:

"A Voice Found and a Mind Changed"

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

Baronita

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (RESPONSIVE)*(used with permission 2008 St. Augustine by-the-Sea)*

O God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing,
we believe and trust in you.
The whole earth is alive with your glory
and all that has life is sustained by you.
We commit ourselves to cherish your world and to seek your face.

O God, embodied in a human life,
we believe and trust in you.
Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and the powerful,
and welcomed as your friends those of no account.

Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,
you emptied yourself of power,
and became foolishness for our sake.
You labored with us upon the cross,
and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.

We commit ourselves to struggle against evil and to choose life.
O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort,
of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you.
Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,
we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world.
Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Trio Sonata no. 2(BWV 526) mvmnt. 1

Bach



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*PRAYING TOGETHER*)

**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**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 439

In Christ There is No East or West

St. Peter

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

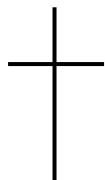
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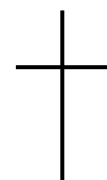
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Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell
Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster



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Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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