

October 3, 2021

Worldwide Communion



Piano Prelude We Gather Together – *arr. J. Sanborn*
All Creatures of Our God and King – *arr. J. Sanborn*

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Call to Worship St. Columba Purpose (*Luke 4:18,19; Isaiah 61:1,2*)
God's spirit has anointed us and sent us
to proclaim good news to the poor,
to release the prisoners,
restore sight to the blind,
to free the oppressed,
to announce that this is the year when God will act.

Hymn **433** (v.1-4) – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Response to Prayer **449**
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love; send us power; send us grace!

Pardon

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Scripture Readings

Ésaïe 35: 1-7a

Mark 9: 38-50

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn **68** (v.2, 4) – *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Sermon – *Shock Treatment*

Hymn **563** – *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Choral Group

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Almighty God, you commanded light to shine out of darkness,
created the vast universe and called it good.*

You made us in your image to live with one another in love.

Through long generations,

you have been faithful and kind to all your children.

You call for justice in the cry of the prophets,

you grieve at the brokenness in your world,

you call us to work toward the healing of all creation.

*In your great love for the world, you sent your only Son
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.*

*Through him, the blind saw light, the disabled leaped for joy,
and those who were locked in the prison of their fears
were given the freedom to love.*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*In conquering death, transforming it to life,
you show us there is nothing that can separate us from your love.*

We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine,

and for the table you spread in the world,

as a sign of your love for all people.

*Pour out your Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that we may be renewed and nourished,
and brought together by your grace.*

God of hope,

shine your light where injustice and darkness appear to dominate,

bring healing, strength and peace....

*God of hope, be with all who are sick this day,
and all who suffer in body, mind or spirit....*

**Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and the Wine
Communion Prayer

Hymn **775** - *Sent Forth By Your Blessing*

Benediction

Organ Postlude Le Banquet – *J. Franck*

Thanks to the Choral Group for singing today, and to Charlotte Adams, soloist.

Hymns

Hymn **433** (v.1-4) – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing:
sing praises, hallelujah!**
**O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**
**Wild rushing wind, unbounded, strong,
high clouds that sail in heaven along:
sing praises, hallelujah!**
**New rising dawn in praise rejoice,
kind lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Deep flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright,
pierce now the dark with heat and light:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
brings forth your blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hymn 68 (v.2, 4) – *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me honour God's name;
bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all God's blessings.*

Justice for the oppressed, with compassion and grace,
slow to anger, abounding in love:
God is not always chiding, but in great love
God does not remember our sins.
*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me honour God's name;
bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all God's blessings.*

All our days are like grass or a flower of the field –
as the wind passes over, it goes,
but to faithful obedience the Lord will grant
steadfast love and grace evermore.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me honour God's name;
bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all God's blessings.*

Hymn 563 – *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Hymn 775 - *Sent Forth By Your Blessing*

Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith confessing,
your people, O God, from your table take leave.
The supper is ended: oh now be extended
the fruits of your service in all who believe.
The seed of your teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom, your purpose to find.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in your life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Scripture Readings

Ésaïe 35:1-7a

Le désert et le terrain sec se réjouiront,
la plaine aride exprimera sa joie et fleurira comme un narcisse;
elle se couvrira de fleurs et exprimera sa joie
par des chants d'allégresse et des cris de triomphe.
La gloire du Liban lui sera donnée,
de même que la splendeur du Carmel et du Saron.
On verra la gloire de l'Éternel,
la splendeur de notre Dieu.

Fortifiez les mains affaiblies
et affermissez les genoux flageolants!
Dites à ceux qui ont le cœur battant:
«Fortifiez-vous, n'ayez pas peur!
Voici votre Dieu: elle viendra, la vengeance,
la rémunération de Dieu.
Il viendra lui-même pour vous sauver.»

Alors les yeux des aveugles seront ouverts
et les oreilles des sourds seront débouchées.
Alors le boiteux sautera comme un cerf
et la langue du muet lancera des cris joyeux.
Oui, de l'eau jaillira dans le désert
et des ruisseaux dans la plaine aride.
La terre brûlante deviendra un étang
et la terre aride se changera en sources d'eau.

Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."