

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23rd, 2015
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Prelude "I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger" arr. by Tammy Waldrop
The Bells of Bethel

Procession
Welcome and Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship (Psalm 84)

Leader: How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

People: *The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my Sovereign and my God.*

Leader: Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

People: *Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*

Leader: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

People: *They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will appear in Zion.*

Leader: LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

People: *Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.*

Leader: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

People: *For the LORD God is both sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory;*

Leader: no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

People: *O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!*

•Hymn 269 "O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand" DUNDEE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon
(Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 (refrain)
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

•The Peace
Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!
People: *And also with you.*

•Gloria Patri Page 579

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 (*pages 211-212*) Rhonda Johnson
John 6:52-69 (*pages 91-92*)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Children's Sermon/Four Cents A Meal Offering

Anthem "The Prayer" Adult Choir

Homily "Whom Will You Serve?" Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin, Jr.

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

•Hymn 392 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" HALL

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: *and also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

Sanctus Hymn 581 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Response

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Epiklesis, Intercession for the Church and World, and the Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 507

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

“Song of Simeon” #603 (verse 1)

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.

These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn,
This child so long foretold.

Postlude

•Those who are able, please stand

