

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 24, 2021

PRELUDE “Celebration” -C. Dobrinski (*Hand bell Choir*)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*) (*Inspired by Psalm 42*)

One: We may have what we need: food, shelter, clothing, in abundance.

All: But our souls are starving. Like a thirst-ravaged deer craves a stream in a desert, our souls crave the refreshment of your presence, God.

One: We could seek satisfaction in acquiring more things or find new ways to be amused and entertained. Maybe that would make us content.

All: It is not entertainment our soul thirsts for. We seek our living, loving God.

One: As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

All: Our soul's thirst for the living God.

• OPENING HYMN #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (*We encourage masking while singing*)

INVOCATION (*Responsively*)

One: Almighty and everlasting God:

All: You have brought us in safety to this new day.

One: Preserve us with Your mighty power,

All: that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity,

One: and in all we do

All: direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Adapted from “The Divine Hours—Prayers for Summertime,” compiled by Phillis Tickle, p. 3)

OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

Unchanging, ever-faithful, generous Giver of every good gift: We praise you.

We know we are blessed beyond deserving, and still, you give and give again. We thank you.

We confess that we take your goodness for granted, when our abundance could be shared, and in that sharing we could be blessed again. We ask for one more gift: we seek your forgiving grace. May we turn your gifts to us into gifts to others, in the name and spirit of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• RESPONSE #111 “Santo, Santo, Santo” (*Sung by all*)

Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

• PASSING OF THE PEACE

(As we greet those around us with the sign of peace, please be respectful of each other's comfort level.)

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" -arr. S. Geschke (*Hand bell Choir*)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 1** (page 489)

Second Reading **Matthew 14:13-21** (page 16)

RESPONSE (*Sung by all*)

Halle-Halle-Hallelujah. Halle-Halle-Hallelujah.

Halle-Halle-Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

A WORD FOR ALL AGES *Rev. Dale Stohre*

CHORAL ANTHEM "United in His Love" -C. Berry

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

(Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through GIVE+ on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

• CLOSING HYMN #609 "Take My Life"

• COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

• CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

POSTLUDE "Praise!" -G. Martin

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.