

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2, 2020

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” arr. J. Wayne Kerr, 1985

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

—St. Francis of Assisi

***Call to Worship**

Leader: What is the fast that our God chooses?

People: **To loose the bonds of injustice, to bring the homeless poor
into our houses, to cover the naked, to let the oppressed**

go free, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Leader: When we do these things, then our light shall break forth like the dawn, and our healing spring up quickly; our vindicator shall go before us, and the glory of the Lord shall be our rear guard. Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

***Hymn** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" #757

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (read in unison)**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have been hard-hearted and tight-fisted toward our neighbors in need. We have not brought the homeless into our houses. We have not fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and visited the captive. We have not worked to change the structures that bind and oppress. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Forgive us our sins and help us to live in your light. May we turn our festivals into celebrations of your justice; may we share our soup and bread with open hearts and hands; may our light break forth and our healing spring up quickly; all to your glory, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** "Gloria Patri" #581

The Ministry of the Word

Message for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 3:7-11

Sermon

"What Then Should We Do"

The Response to the Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Come to the Table”

Allen Pote, 1992

Come to the table and bring your joy, bring all your gladness and come.

Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain, bring all the heartaches you bear.

Bring who you are and hope to become, come to the table to share.

Come to the table, remember Christ, remember his love when you come,

Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share the bread, share the wine, share in the risen Lord.

Share as a family, one in community, one in the name of the Lord.

Come to the table to follow Christ forgiven and free,

Come to the table, come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord.

*Response

“Give Thanks”

#647

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pew to the center aisle and return to your pew from the outside aisles. An elder will be available to bring communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten free bread is served on the communion table.)

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Leader: On this day that we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, which Jesus gave to us, I ask: “What do you bring to Christ’s table?”

People: We bring bread, made by many people’s work, from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.

Leader: At this table all are fed, and no one is turned away hungry.

People: What do you bring to Christ’s table?

Leader: We bring the cup, made by many people’s work, from an unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.

People: At this table all share the cup of pain and the celebration of life, and no one is denied.

Leader: The table of bread and cup is now made ready...

*Hymn of Invitation

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

#523

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Strengthen, O Lord, our hands, which have reached out to receive your holy meal, that they might bring you glory. Grant that our ears, which have heard your Word, may be closed to the noise of clamor and dispute; our eyes, which have seen your great love, may also see your hope; our tongues, which have sung your praise, may speak the truth; our feet, which have walked in your courts, may walk in your light; and our souls, which have fed upon your living body, may be restored to newness of life. Above all, may your great love abide with us both now and forevermore. Amen.

The Sending of God's People

*Closing Hymn “God You Give Us Recreation” See Insert

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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Postlude “Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”

Arr. Lani Smith, 1975
