

Homily

*Hymn of Response #457 (1,2) "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Following the Spirit

"Family News"

*Benediction

**Lord, make me an instrument of your 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,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

*Postlude "We Praise You, O God" - arr. Carter (piano)



October 8, 2023

Preparation & Praise

** = Stand if you are able*

Prelude "Voluntary in G Minor" - Stanley (organ)

Welcome & Orientation

Call to Worship

**One thing we have ask of the Lord,
this is what we seek:
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of our days;
that we behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.**

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Amen. Christ, have mercy.

*Opening Hymn #726 (all) "We Praise You, O God"

Gathering the Flock

*Greeting Others

Worship is a spiritual discipline that is shared with others. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you who will be assisting and amplifying your own efforts to relate to God

Personal Prayers

It is our custom to share unspoken prayer requests by lighting candles during this portion of the worship service. If you have a matter you wish to include in our prayers but do not wish to publicly disclose, feel free to come forward during the instrumental interlude and light a candle.

Prayer Concerns

Is there a praise or petition that you are aware of that we can include in our prayers? If so, jot it down on a prayer card and hand to one of the attending ushers who are standing in the aisle.

The Great Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*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 trespasses as we
Forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Forever and ever.
Amen*

Receiving Tithes & Offerings

We believe that God's greatness is discerned in how God continually gives Godself away to others. When we choose to give ourselves away, we bear witness to God's presence and how God is assisting us in becoming our true selves. All are welcome to join us in sharing and enacting this belief as together we share our tithes and offerings.

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Moment for Missions

Feeding on the Word

Preparing for the Word

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,

and we have believed and have come to know

In you the Word was made flesh,

that You are the Holy One of God.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

King of endless glory.

Reading from the Psalter: *Psalms 19*

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Reading for the Catholic Epistles: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.