

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Thank you, Almighty God, that in Christ we have an eternal perspective, whatever happens in our lives. In Christ, we have a lasting joy and inner peace, no matter what difficulties arise. May we be living epistles to all the people we meet today and may we, like the Lord Jesus, learn obedience through the trials that you have allowed in our lives, to your praise and glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Lamb of God”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Adagio”

J. J. Fux, 1660-1741

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Seek God; know God; trust God, O people.

People: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

Leader: Declare God's deeds among the people, for the needy are remembered, the poor have hope.

People: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

***Hymn**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

#624

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our apathy is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 9:9-20

Duet

“Allegro”

J. J. Fux

Second Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“It Isn't What It Is”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Second Helvetic Confession (5.098)

In the letter to the Corinthians the apostle says that the Lord gave the ministry of reconciliation to his ministers. And what this is he then explains, saying that it is the preaching or teaching of reconciliation.

And explaining his words still more clearly he adds that Christ's ministers discharge the office of an ambassador in Christ's name, as if God himself through ministers exhorted the people to be reconciled to God, doubtless by faithful obedience. Therefore, they exercise the keys when they persuade [men] to believe and repent. Thus they reconcile men to God.

***Hymn**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

#792

Prayers of the People and 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 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.

Celebration of Valerie Cox

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (verse 4)

#394

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

#765

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response “We Are the Church”**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood
Steve Watters

Liturgist: Carole Sue Ames

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Flute Soloist: Nik Engelhart

Oboe Soloist: Thomas Lloyd

Our liturgist, Carole Sue Ames, grew up in Lafayette and attended the Methodist Church. When she moved into London at the age of 15, she began to attend the First Presbyterian Church when it was located on Walnut Street. She loves her church family dearly and following the path that God has laid out for her.

Carole married Bill Ames in 1956, and they had 5 sons, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Carol enjoys swimming and golfing. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been active in our church choir since 1970.