

Date: July 14, 2024

Season of the Holy Spirit

Welcome Rev. Dianne Deming

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

O God of divine Equal Opportunities, you know us all... each one's wants and needs. (Some need more, some less) ... It is not the pay that is our reward. It is your call to the vineyard (that place of grace), where you heap fortunes of everlasting life and love on us. Thank you for your wonderfully constant call to work in your vineyard.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

we are given enough joy to live each day.

In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.

In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

we are given enough grace to share each day.

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

GTG 36

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

Merciful God, the story of the landowner and the workers turns our ideas about fairness upside down. We may dismiss this story as not really applying to us. But every time we suppose that our faithfulness, our status, our piety gives us a special claim on your favor, we need to hear this story of your abundant grace. Forgive us when we measure the behavior of others against that of ourselves rather than measuring our behavior against yours. Your divine generosity amazes us and calls into question our values and our selfishness. Open our eyes to see beyond our own needs and unclench our hands to share what we have with those in need. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Hebrew Scripture

Jonah 4:9-11

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Source: NRSV (New Revised Standard Version)

Anthem

I'm Feeling Good

Anthony Newley &

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Leslie Bricusse

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Source: NRSV (New Revised Standard Version)

Reflection

Grace Beats Karma

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We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

I Believe in Jesus

Marc Nelson

Prayers of the People of God - Joys and Hopes

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The Act of Gratitude

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Liturgist

With hope in our hearts, we offer our gifts to you, O God, trusting that you will use them in the work of your kin-dom which welcomes all, loves all, needs all, and serves all. Trusting in your heavenly grace, we pray. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

Come, Labor On

GTG 719

***Benediction**

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Postlude

Next Week's Liturgist: Ken McDyer