

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
August 30, 2009, 10:00 am—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Fantasy in A Minor* J.S. Bach

WELCOME
(Children are invited to go to Sunday School)

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)
Text: John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

All: *The Lord is good to all and has compassion over all creation.*

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God

All: *For God's steadfast love endures forever.*

One: Together, let us worship God.

+*HYMN 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord Jesus, we confess that we profess you with your lips while our hearts are far
from you. We profess to be your followers, while we stick to our own path. We
profess desire to do your will, while clinging tightly to our own. We profess a de-
sire to live and love as you do, while we fail to love you and our neighbors as our-
selves.*

*We receive your forgiveness, while we fail to forgive each other.
Merciful God, forgive us and by your Spirit guide us to know and do your life-
giving will, always. In Jesus name we pray.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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ANTHEM *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* David Stanley York
Text: Frank Mason North

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of Thy tears.

O Master, from the mountain side,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again.
Till sons of men shall learn Thy love,
And follow where Thy feet have trod;

Till glorious from Thy heaven above,
Shall come the City of our God.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NRSV

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

OFFERTORY *Dear Lord and Father* Hubert Parry (1848-1918)
Text: Whittier

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess,
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:14-21 NRSV

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in
heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his
glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power
through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you
are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to
comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and
depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may
be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work

within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imag-
ine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever
and ever. Amen.

SERMON Rev. Jana R. Reister

*HYMN 366 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* St. Catherine

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN 555 *Now Thank We All Our God* Nun Danket Alle Gott

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata in F Major* D. Buxtehude

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

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*Please stand as you are able + Latecomers may be seated

During the tolling of the carillon we invite you to remember all who work for
peace and justice in our world today.

We welcome The Rev. Jana Reister as our guest preacher this morning.

We thank the Knox Choir for providing special music today, and Brandon Dean,
for conducting.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our par-
ents, Lucille Carr, Eugene Carr, Emile Vidal, Howard and Dorothy Aspin, by
Robert and Carol Vidal, and our son-in-law, Gary Algrin.

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