

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
September 27, 2009, 11:00 am—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

PRELUDE Great is Thy Faithfulness D. Hustad

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT Lord I Want to Be a Christian manuscript
Text: traditional

Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are God’s household, crafted by the architect of creation,

All: Our hearts are shelters for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.

One: We are God’s people, created in the divine image,

All: To tell others of God’s love; to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

One: We are God’s children, called to give of ourselves,

All: Chosen to serve each other and minister to a hurting world.

One: Let us worship God together.

+*HYMN 488 The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim redemption, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, and join with stories from ages past. Give us courage to pursue a faith that makes sense today and to keep the story alive for new generations. Give us courage to share our story and extend more widely the shelter and hope of this community of faith.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*+GLORIA PATRI 579

TIME WITH CHILDREN

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One: Bennett is now received into the holy, catholic and apostolic church. God has made him a member of the household of God, to participate in our common life in Christ. I charge you, the people of this congregation, to nurture and to love him, and to assist him to be a faithful disciple.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love and encourage you in the way of Christ by our friendship and in our daily prayers. Through the support of

the church, its worship and education, we promise to share the good news with you, and to help you know and follow Christ. The peace of God be with you.

ANTHEM Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988); Text: George Herbert

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart,
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-9 NRSV

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

OFFERTORY My joy, my life, my crown!
Bruce Montgomery (1927-2008);Text: George Herbert

My joy, my life, my crown!
My heart was meaning all the day,
Somewhat it fain would say:
And still it runneth muttering up and down,
With only this, My joy, my life, my crown!
Yet slight not these few words:
If truly said, they may take part
Among the best in art.
The fineness which a hymn to psalm affords
Is, when unto the lines the soul accords.

So if the heart be moved,

Although the verse be somewhat scant,
God will supply the want.
As when the heart says, Sighing to be approved.
'O could I love,' and stops, God writeth, 'Loved.'

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON The Journey of Life: The Latter Years
Rev. Thomas D. York

*HYMN 427 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Blaenhafren

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN 145 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Marion

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jubilation G. Young

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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.

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Chisholm, by Vicki Chisholm and family.

The rose on the communion table celebrates the birth and baptism of Bennett Thomas Fager, son of Dylan and Elise Fager, born July 14, 2009.

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