



WORLD
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October 3, 2021

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on BREAD OF LIFE
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Bingham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: We gather to worship together,
ALL: *Different people, different lives, different histories,*
One: Yet all children of the same God,
ALL: *Created lovingly by the Source of all life!*
One: We gather to reconnect with one another,
ALL: *Different people, different lives, different histories,*
One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.
ALL: *Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.*
One: *We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears...*
ALL: *Different people, different lives, different histories,*
One: *Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.*
ALL: *Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (South Africa)

Rev. John White

One: For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,
ALL: *God forgive us.*
One: For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,
ALL: *God forgive us.*
One: For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,
ALL: *We ask your mercy.*
One: For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,
ALL: *We ask your mercy.*
One: For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,
ALL: *God forgive us.*

***RESPONSE:** *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)*

HEBREW

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *(Bangladesh)*

Rev. John White

One: Know that God loves you. From the very beginning, God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a mother embracing you in her lap; like a father, God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of the Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, I assure you: you are forgiven, forgive others. You are restored, restore others. You are reconciled with God, be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. John White

MUSIC

As the Wind Song
Susannah White, soloist

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31
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Rev. Courtney Bowen

HOMILY

A Message from Hades

Rev. John White

ACT OF PRAISE

Thankful
Susannah White, soloist

Carole Bayer Sager,
David Foster, Richard Page

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

**OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen
Couperin*

*Agnus
Dr. Terry McRoberts*

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Praise be to God who calls us to imagine and believe that another world is possible.

ALL: *We praise the One who calls us into covenant with one another. Deliver these our gifts to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all our neighbors.*

One: God of all times and all places, remind us of the world as You intend it: free from hunger, poverty, violence, and oppression.

ALL: *Embolden us, O God, to imagine and believe that another world is possible!
Amen*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN: 300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(See insert)*

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

SENDING

***CHARGE**

Rev. John White

***BENEDICTION** *(From the Christian Council of Asia)*

Rev. John White

ALL: *God go with you in all that is gentle. Christ go with you in all that is brave.
And the Spirit go with you in all that is free. Go now in peace, to love and serve
our God. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

*Chorale Improvisation on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Dr. Terry McRoberts*

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