

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
October 10, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 55: 1a, 6, 12

Liturgist: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

Congregation: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

L: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

C: The mountains and hills will burst into song before you. Praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Trusting in God's loving mercy, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, hear our voices, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not entrusted our cares and worries to you. We have not loved you with our whole heart. In your great compassion, you keep no record of our sin while we hold on to every wrong done to us and by us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, ready to serve you. Sustain us with your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your will, live in your light and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy name.

We reflect in silence on the ways we have fallen short.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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We encourage you to quietly reflect with joy on God's mercy as the music plays.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Isaiah 55:10-11

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus

15:26-27, 16:1-5

²⁶ He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

16 The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Showalter, arr. Childs;

Steve
Thiel, Trumpet

SECOND READING

Exodus 16:6-18

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸ Moses also said, “You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.” ⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’” ¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer^(a) for each person you have in your tent.’” ¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸ And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Beth Doebereiner

The Miracle of the Ordinary

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Statement of Faith

Taken from A Brief

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the

Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor, teaching by word and deed, Jesus was unjustly condemned and crucified. God raised Jesus from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally good in God's image. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. The same Spirit rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Savior, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ, and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Per COVID-19 safety measures, we will not pass the offering plate for some time. As you feel called, you may leave your offering in the plate in the Gathering Room or donate online at MPChurch.net.

***DOXOLOGY**

In place of singing aloud, we encourage you to ponder God's blessings in your life as the music plays.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

***HYMN**

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am Lord

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**