

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times where all who are able may stand.
Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringing of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude "Prelude" Moszkowski

Call to Worship (*Based upon Psalm 92:1-4*)

Come and give thanks to our God.

Sing praises to the holy name.

With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts,

We declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.

God's works make us glad.

Your works are great, O God. We sing our praises of joy to you.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

O God, maker of all that is beautiful, You gave us the seeds of your justice and peace. In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow those seeds through our ministries so that all may share in Creation's abundance to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Psalm 138 (*Common English Bible*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much. We forget, however, that we have been recipients of other people's generosity. Believing that what we have is ours, we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we should be as generous as you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart. By God's steadfast love for us, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture I Samuel 15:34-16:13 (*Common English Bible*)

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Special Music Dan Mossoney, fiddle

Sermon "The Next Right Thing"

Pastoral Prayer:

The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

Announcements

Giving from Our Hearts

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

Closing Music

“To God Be the Glory”

Benediction

Postlude

“Sing Forth Exultantly!”

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We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.

“People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT

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