

Order of Worship
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* Georg Boehm

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

In the beginning: before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now: among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future: when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it; not condemning the world, but redeeming it; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be. Let us worship God!

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

Saving God, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples.

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder—A Time for Children

Musical Meditation *The Church's One Foundation* Aurelia

Scripture Lesson Mark 10:35-45

Sermon Who's on First Rev. Christie Ashton

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) A Brief Statement of Faith
In life and in death we belong to God. 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, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth. 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Aria from Water Music* G.F. Handel

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Worship Leader This Sunday: Lareeta Ashton