



15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 13, 2020, 10:30 am

PRELUDE *Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2* Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

PREPARE . . .

QUIET REFLECTION

TRINITY CHIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The tetraploid daylily also goes by the name “Call to Worship.” May its rust and golden petals call us to worship right now.

We answer the call of the flower, the call of all creation. Our hearts unfold like flowers before God!

Let us worship together.

Thanks be to God!

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will always love you. This is the good news that brings us new life. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Beautiful Jesus

SCHONSTER HERR JESU

Sung by Loraine Tuenge, Cara Pollard, Larry Burke,
Dorri Sherrill, Lynn Dingle, Jesse Dingle, Ty Moser & Marika Straw

LISTEN . . .

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Andrew Hoots

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 6:25-34

If you respond to these words, then for you they have become the word of the still-speaking God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Rev. Dr. Kimberleigh Buchanan

RESPOND . . .

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN

We Give You But Your Own
Sung by Larry Burke, Ty Moser,
Dorri Sherrill, and Marika Straw

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Merciful and gracious God, time and again, in the Bible and in the stories of our lives, we learn of the prodigious and persistent nature of your love for each of us, for humanity, and for all creation. As grateful recipients and led by your example, we are moved to respond and so we offer these heartfelt gifts of time, talent, and tithe born from your blessings. Sanctify them and send the Spirit of Wisdom to guide us in their use so that we share the good news of your love and light not only with our mouths, but also with our hearts and hands as we strive to live together, respectful of each other and our planet. We ask these things in the name of the risen Christ, our guide and mentor, **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #433

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

Unison

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue

Marie-Louise Girod

OUR MISSION

We believe God calls us to:

Embody a forward-thinking, courageous, and diverse Christian community.

Follow the ways of Jesus the Christ as a grace-filled, spiritual congregation. Practice affirming and radical hospitality.

Engage our local and global community with acts of love, mercy, peace, and justice.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 am Virtual Sunday School

10:15 am The Gathering

10:30 am Worship (YouTube)

4:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour

Tuesday, September 15th

2:00 pm Sacred Pause

Wednesday, September 16th

12:00 pm Noon Prayer

3:30 pm Racial Justice Team Meeting

Thursday, September 17th

6:00 pm Board Meeting

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 am Virtual Sunday School

10:15 am The Gathering

10:30 am Worship (YouTube)

4:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour

5:00 pm Earth Care & Peace Day Zoom Sing-a-long

Today's Service

Liturgist/Worship Leader:

Horace Hunt

Hymn Leader: **Marika Straw**

Passing of the Peace:

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