REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) January 21, 2024



SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE O Zion Haste Mark Sedio
(b. 1954)

INTROIT Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Dr. Casto-Waters

In the company of the faithful, I will declare, "the Lord is my refuge."

And I will say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

The Lord is my chosen portion and the whole of my life; The Lord enfolds me in his mercy.

I bless the Lord, who gives me comfort and counsel;

I keep the Lord always before me; because the Lord is at my side, I shall not be moved.

Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

The Lord shows me the path of his calling. In God's presence, I abide in the fullness of joy.

The Lord precedes me into every moment; therefore, I will worship the Lord, Emmanuel, God with us!

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians Join to Sing

MADRID

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Boyd Lien

Holy Lord, what mysteries surround you! Mysteries that make us uncomfortable in our not knowing, not seeing, not being able to touch that which is You. We retreat into our worldly view that "seeing is believing" and keep your wonders at a distance. Yet you are always present, soaked into every good thing that was created, all that was made in your image which reflects your love and mercy. Forgive our need to fold you into a small space, to make you "less than," to contain what is limitless. Forgive our lack of imagination to embrace the thousand, thousand ways you are already here with us.

*SILENT PRAYER

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

In God we have the presence of our creator who shaped us out of love to live in joy. In Christ, we find ourselves reflected in his humanity, our sins redeemed by his righteousness. In the Holy Spirit, we know we have not been left as orphans at Christ's ascension, but that the Spirit abides with us always.

In Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are made whole, set free, and shown the glory of the Lord, the mercy of love. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ms. Joy Maple

*HYMN 399 God Welcomes All THEMBA AMEN

(3 x's)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 9:15-23

SERMON

Praise the Lord, all ye nations; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord all ye people. Praise the Lord for His merciful kindness is great toward us; And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Dr. Casto-Waters

OFFERTORY Divinum Mysterium

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lien

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH²

Dr. Casto-Waters

We believe in God above us,

Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,

Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,

Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's resurrection created world,

Where all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above.

Beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, We believe in God.

*HYMN 37 Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Sent Forth By God's Blessing

*POSTLUDE Salvation Unto Us Has Come J.S. Bach

(1685 - 1750)

*All who are able please stand

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¹ Based on Psalm 16

² From *Journey into Wholeness* written by Christine Sine

Participating in Worship



Preacher Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Worship Leaders Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Mr. S.C. Toe Dr. Wayne Lord Chancel Choir Angel Choir

> *Acolyte* Hayes Usry

Friendship Pad Pick-up Caroline Yort

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