



Sunday, September 15, 2013
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

Balm in Gilead

arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us, there is One who seeks us, One who meets us, whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy. This One is the Lord. Come, let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer

Living God, you call us to yourself so that we may live in wholeness with ourselves and our neighbors. Unchain your people and set us free to rejoice in your saving word, through Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

*Prayer of Confession *(from Luke 8:26-39)*

Leader: We confess, O God, that we often find ourselves distracted by a legion of destructive voices that make false promises. Our inner demons take many forms.

Left side: We believe safety and security can reside in ample bank accounts.

Right side: We think that success leads to real happiness.

Left side: We equate power with dominating others.

Right side: We hold fast to pain and anger as if they were treasure in a chest.

Left side: We soothe our fear of failure with substances that do harm.

Right side: We feed our hunger for love and approval with food that does not satisfy.

All: Break hold of the chains that bind us, O God. Set us free from the tombs in which we dwell.

SILENT PRAYER

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: In Christ, God calls us forth from the tomb to the light of new life. The healing power of God's forgiveness restores us to wholeness. God releases us from the chains that bind us. We are set free to be children of God!

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Joyful Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff contains the lyrics: "Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free. As it end, with-out end, A - men. World with out end, with-out end, A - men. As it". The third staff contains the lyrics: "was in the be gin - ning, is now and ever shall be. A - men. World with out was in the be gin - ning, is now and ever shall be. A - - - - - men." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and repeat signs with first and second endings.

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Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Des Peres. Nursery Care (ages 4 & under) and Sunday School (ages 5 & up) are available at this time.

WE PROCLAIM

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 42

Antiphon

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter
you. You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I
long to wor - ship you. You a - lone are my
strength, my shield; to you a - lone may my spir - it
yield. You a - lone are my heart's de -
sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Leader: My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

**People: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**
(Sing antiphon)

Leader: My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

**People: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

Leader: I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?”
As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

**People: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**
(Sing antiphon)

New Testament Reading

Luke 8:26-39

Sermon

“The Demons that Possess Us”

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

WE RESPOND

*Hymn

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1. My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's la-men-
2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic
3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er

ta-tion. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that
ring-ing. It finds an ech-o in my soul. How
liv-eth. What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs
spring-ing! All things are mine since I am his! How

Refrain

hails a new cre-a-tion.
can I keep from sing-ing? No storm can shake my
in the night he giv-eth.
can I keep from sing-ing?

in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since
 love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Petition (congregation responds "Lord, hear our prayers.")

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Moment for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God (*Please sign the friendship pad.*)

Offertory Anthem

Grace

Mark Hayes

***Dedication of Gifts**

"Doxology"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

(Unison)

Loving God, we share what we have because you share so abundantly with us. May our sharing be an act of thanksgiving and praise for all you have done and all you will continue to do for us. We dedicate these gifts and offer ourselves to your service. Bless us and our gifts, that we might be a source of help, hope, and joy to a world in need. With grateful hearts we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

***News of the Church**

***Closing Hymn 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***Benediction**

***Closing Voluntary**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Anna Laura Page

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