

# Welcome to Worship! | August 18th, 2024 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost GATHERING

**Prelude** Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

With patience and love, we come as one family.

We are one body of Christ, united in God.

Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

We gather to listen, and to share our stories.

We are God's children, parts of Christ's purpose.

We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for this grace.

Come! Now is the time to worship.

\*Hymn 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

#### Call to Confession

# **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and with each other. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with those in need. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done to us, and yet we long for your forgiveness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Heal us, forgive us, and give us the grace to love you and others as Christ loved us. Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

\*Sung Response 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** 

#### **WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination** 

First Lesson Psalm 34:1-8

Second Lesson Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**Sermon** Be angry, but do not sin.

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

\*Hymn 300 We Are One in the Spirit (They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

## \*Affirmation of Faith 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. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

#### **THANKSGIVING**

## Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

**Offertory** Footsteps

arr. Craig Courtney

I see his footsteps in the way, and follow them through the darkest night. Unafraid, I stumble not, in the glow of perfect light, I see. I walk in the footsteps of his love, and find his light leads on before. Then he gently turns to me, softly whispers, "trust me more." I walk, I walk. Then as I follow in his way, my path ahead will brightly shine. For in his path of guiding light, I find his footsteps first, then mine.

\*Doxology 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

#### **SENDING**

\*Hymn 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Dismissal

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

**Postlude** Hymn to Joy

Michael Burkhardt

## **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant Adult Choir Production Coordinator, Jim Fox Lay Reader, Carol Query

#### **Our Mission**

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.