

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

“Berceuse” (24 Pièces en style libre, *op. 31*)

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Gracey Stoddard

“African Dream Academy”

CHORAL INTROIT

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

“Feed My Lambs”

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep. In my name, lead them forth, gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As you do unto my flock, thus you do to me. Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be. As you do unto my flock, thus you do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep. In my name, lead them forth, gently as a loving shepherd and the Lord.

The Cherub and Carol Choirs

Cristina Soto, *piano*

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from 1 John 3:18-24*)

Leader: Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

People: By this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us.

Leader: God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

People: This is God’s commandment: that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220

Old Hundredth

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

PRAYER OF ADORATION 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us and restore us, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 223, verse 1*)

Stuttgart

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God’s name;

Bless the Savior, and forget not all God’s mercies to proclaim.

ANTHEM

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

“If Ye Love Me”

If ye love me, keep, O keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

THE WORD

After the singing of the anthem, all children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

* HYMN 387

Bradbury

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

G. R. Sam Seraphim

John 10:11-18 (*Pew Bible, page 103 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton

“Long Term Care”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Psalm 23; King James Version*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

* GLORIA PATRI 579

Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

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, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

Not for this land alone,

But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;

And may the nations see that we must loving be,

And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep”

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep; nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey, like thy blessed ones above happy in thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below, till before my Father’s throne I shall know as I am known.—*Jane E. Leeson (1807-1882)*

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 172

Resignation

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

“Grand-Chœur, *op. 52, no. 2*”

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.