

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

David Boeckh, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When God came to earth as Jesus,

People: most of the world did not recognize Him.

Leader: Open our eyes, O Lord

People: to see Your glory.

Leader: Open our ears, O Lord

People: to hear Your wisdom.

Leader: Open our mouths, O Lord

People: to sing Your praise.

Leader: Help us to be present here and now,

People: that we may worship You.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464

Ode to Joy

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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

Leader: God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”

People: But we don’t hear Your voice, God.

Leader: God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”

People: We are not sure we are listening; there are too many distractions.

Leader: God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”

People: We are not always sure You love us.

Leader: God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”

People: But what if we have made bad choices?

Leader: God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”

People: What if we doubt that You are calling us?

Leader: God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”

People: We don’t always feel included, and we are afraid.

Leader: God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;”

People: Holy God, we hear You. Forgive us and remind us again of Your love.

KYRIE 572

John Merbecke (c. 1510 – c. 1585)

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 423, verse 5)*

Duke Street

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

During the singing of the response, all children are invited to come forward and gather around the baptismal font for the blessing.

THE WORD

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for God’s children?

People: That God be with the children as they learn of Jesus and His love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Carrie B. Galloway

Isaiah 43:1-7 *(Pew Bible, page 672 O.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 361

Foundation

“How Firm a Foundation”

SERMON

Rebekah McLeod Hutto

“Rehearsing the Truth”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(From Heidelberg Catechism)*

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of evil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of God not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, God also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for the Lord.

* 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

Lionel Bourne (b. 1960)

“Thou Art God”

Thou art the peace of all things calm, Thou art the place to hide from harm, Thou art the light that shines in dark, Thou art the heart’s eternal spark, Thou art the door that’s open wide, Thou art the guest who waits inside, Thou art the stranger at the door, Thou art the calling of the poor. Thou art my Lord and with me still, Thou art my love, keep me from ill, Thou art the light, the truth, the way. Thou art my Saviour this day. —*David Adam (b. 1936)*

* 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 525

Here I Am, Lord

“Here I Am, Lord”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

David Boeckh, *organist*

Our organist and choirmaster this morning is David Boeckh. David is our most recent Oberlin College Conservatory of Music Wilson Family sacred music intern. David recently graduated from Oberlin with a Bachelor degree in Organ Performance. This September, David will join the music staff of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon.

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.