

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 130:1-2, 6-7*)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our voices.

Leader: Lord, let your ears be attentive

All: to the voice of our supplications.

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord,

All: more than those who watch for the morning,

Leader: more than those who watch for the morning,

All: Come, let us all cry out to the Lord,

Leader: for there is hope in the Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

St. Denio

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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 347, verse 4*)

Detroit

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.

Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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

John Muller

Psalm 130(*Pew Bible, page 573 O.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 298

In Babilone

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

SERMON

Rev. Adam D. Gorman

“Reckless Love”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH (*From The Confession of 1967 – 9.15*)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

* 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

attr. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

“Sub tuum praesidium, *KV 198*”

Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix: nostras deprecationes ne despicias, in necessitatibus nostris, sed a periculis cunctis liberas nos semper, Virgo gloriosa, et benedicta, mediatrix nostra. Nos reconcilia tuo filio, Tuo filio nos commenda, Tuo filio nos repraesenta.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our prayers in our necessities, but always deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin, our mediator. Reconcile us to your Son, recommend us to your Son, represent us to your Son.

Sónia Batten and Amanda Page Smith, *sopranos*

* 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 376

Hyfrydol

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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.