



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Relinquish Scarcity & Receive Spirit, Joel 2:23-32

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

A TIME FOR GATHERING AND QUIET MEDITATION

Welcome. We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. Please fill out our Friendship Pad, located at the end of your pew, so we can get to know you. Prayer cards are also available in the pew pockets. If you would like to have your prayer shared in worship, please fill out the card and hand it to an usher during the Passing of the Peace.

We worship using the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks: the Glory to God hymnal (GTG), and The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service. Nursery care is available for children ages birth through 3 years and Godly Play is available for children ages 4 through middle school.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Gresham, Lector

God formed us into beings,
breathing life into the dust of the earth.

**God formed us into the church,
breathing life into human community.**

Let us keep our hearts open to the leading of Christ;
let us keep our minds open to the movement of the Spirit,

For God is not finished forming and re-forming.

We are the church, who has been reformed.

We are the church, always being reformed.

Let us worship the living God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“O God Beyond All Praising” - FWS #2009

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

No words can express the depth of our need
or reveal the extent of our sin.
But you know us completely, O God.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
You rescue us from evil
and clothe us with love.
Humbly, we thank you;
for no words can express our gratitude
for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

***THE PEACE**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 65, p. 527

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Seek Ye, O Seek The Lord"
by Gabriel Fauré arr. Hopson

SERMON READING

Joel 2:23-32, p. 848

SERMON

"Relinquish Scarcity & Receive Spirit"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"
GTG #488

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Baptism of Eden Grace Engels
Child of Parents Zach & Olivia Engels*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

GTG, pg. 35

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Water Is Wide"
St. James Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

"For the Life That You Have Given" - GTG #717

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your
own: Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and
strength we bring; Give us grace to love and serve you, living
what we pray and sing.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Hymn of the Ages"
(insert)

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

Luke Arnold

As our worship concludes, our service begins.

We invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Horizon Room, to your right as you leave the sanctuary, overlooking the bay. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship, and welcome to everyone.

Next week November 3rd: "A New Way Is Coming" - The Prophets

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Lector: Jim Gresham

Head Usher: Jean Seater

Sacristan: Cheryl McGregor

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Flowers: Glory Johnson

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BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME

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ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH TODAY!

After service today, 11:45am, in the Fellowship Hall is the annual Parish Lunch. Everything will be provided by the Deacons.

GRATITUDE BOOK STUDY

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FAMILY PROMISE AT SACRED HEART THIS WEEK

Help provide meals for Family Promise at Sacred Heart the week of October 25th to Nov. 4th, Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

If you are interested in being more involved please contact Gretchen Pfueller.

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PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

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