



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, March 29, 2020

"Marks of Vitality: Joyful Practice" - Revelation 22:1-7

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 in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord:

"I will put my breath within you, and you shall live."

In gratitude, we praise the Giver of Life.

Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life."

In gratitude, we praise the Source of our Being.

We gather to worship the One who frees us from the grave
and stirs dry bones to life.

Spirit, come and enliven our worship!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

Dylan Cisneros

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
we have set our minds on wrong things—
on selfish gain, not generous service;
on pursuits that distract, not inspire;
on tasks that diminish, rather than give life.

We long to set our minds on eternal things—
on your way of mercy and compassion;
on paths that lead to justice and peace;
on living as people of hope.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.
Give us grace when we fall short,
transform our hearts and renew our minds,
and set us free to follow you faithfully. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

***THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 122

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Revelation 22:1-7

SERMON

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

GTG #286

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

Rev. Seth Thomas

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Luke Arnold

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**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GTG #475

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

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, April 5th - Lent: Season of Vitality
Marks of Vitality: Caring Relationships
John 21:15-19**

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Sacristan: Jenny Sue LeSchander
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