

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PRELUDE

“Praeludium in E minor”

Nikolaus Bruhns

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Unless the Lord builds the house,

All: **those who build it labor in vain.**

One: It is vain to eat the bread of anxious toil.

All: **God provides. Peace is upon us.**

*HYMN 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Open My Eyes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TC Anderson

Merciful God, we often fail to listen for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. It is easier for us to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn again to be people of faith, hope, and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXODUS 4:10-16

MESSAGE

“Reaching Out”

Don Rowley

Scripture: Matthew 20:29-34

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alex Lang

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

Wren & Young

This is a day of new beginnings, Time to remember and move on. Time to believe what love is bringing. Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit now as then can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us with the Spirit's daring step from the past and leave behind our disappointment guilt and grieving. Seeking new paths and sure to find.

Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings. Our God is making all things new.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Canonbury

BENEDICTION

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***Please stand as you are able.**

Worship led by: Don Rowley, Alex Lang, TC Anderson

Music: Adam Hendrickson

Guest Organist: Richard Clemmitt