

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

Sunday, November 13, 2022

9:30 am

PRELUDE

“Prelude no. III”

Ernest Bloch

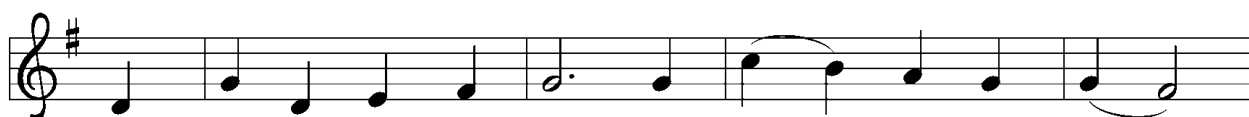
+ Gathering +

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW 686)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ Word +

THE BIBLE STORY

Micah 6:1-8

In keeping with the oral tradition of scripture, the Bible Story is presented verbally. You are invited to receive the story with open ears, minds, and hearts, joining with our ancestors in faith who have received these narratives through oral storytelling for thousands of years. For those who are hard of hearing, the text is provided on page 15.

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 112:1-10

Antiphon:

F Gm F B^b2 Am/C Gm7 B^bmaj7 F

Hap-py are they who de-light, who de-light in the law of God.

Psalm Tone:

F C7 Dm B^b Gm C

Lectionary: Ordinary Time after Epiphany (A); Ordinary Time after Pentecost (C).

Words and Music: Hal H. Hopson © 1987 Hope Publishing Company

Psalm Text: from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Augsburg Fortress Publishers

Tone: © 2011 Faith Alive Christian Resources

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;**
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever. *Antiphon*

⁴**Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.

**⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance. Antiphon**

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

**⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

**¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. Antiphon**

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

SONG OF THE DAY

What Does the Lord Require of You?

The cantor sings the song one time through, and then the congregation sings it three times through.

Part I
What does the Lord re - quire of you?

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

Part II
Jus - tice, kind - ness,
walk hum - bly with your God.

Part III
To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness
and walk hum - bly with your God.

Text: Jim Strathdee, b. 1941
Music: MOON, Jim Strathdee
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

God, you do not want our sacrifice;
you do not want our piety.
All you ask is that we walk with you
the humble path of justice and love.

It is not in grand gestures but in consistent acts of service and truth-telling
that we can best reveal your love.
So God, may we strive not to be special, but to be ordinary,
so that we can get alongside other ordinary people
and make a difference in the world:

bringing peace not war;
bringing love not hate;
bringing freedom not oppression.

As we look for ways to know peace,
may we look to ordinary people
in whom your love is revealed.

God, we lay before you today
all the areas of conflict in our world:
conflict that still rages
and places still ravaged by war and its consequences.

God, out of the ashes of conflict
may the phoenix of your love arise
as people and nations resolve to find other paths to peace.

Give us such creativity that we can shape
a brave new world out of the scars of war.
Give vision and courage to leaders and governments
who seek to resolve conflict.
Help them to find real alternatives for all those
whose livelihoods depend on war,
and help us all to be prepared to surrender power and wealth
in the interests of peace.

For the sake of all the ordinary people
whose lives you honor and cherish,
God of justice, peace, and love, we pray.
Amen.

From *Spill the Beans: Worship and Learning Resources for All Ages*, Issue 13.
Adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

The congregation may be seated.

+ **Meal** +

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Grounded in God's covenant, it is our active love that reveals who we worship. As the plate is passed, you are invited to commit to giving of your whole selves. Together, we give of our talents and material resources to the church, with the expectation that they be used to further God's dream for our world.

By Tim Graves, adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

OFFERING

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Master Hath a Garden”

Randall Thompson

OFFERTORY VERSE

God, Your Blessings Overflow

God, your bless - ings o - ver - flow! What can we be - gin to
 So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we free - ly
 4
 say? How can we be - gin to show, All our gra - ti - tude this
 share, So we foll - ow Christ the Way, Lov - ing, ser - ving ev - ery
 8
 day? God, we join to wor - ship you, Giv - ing thanks for all you do.
 where. Spi - rit, may our lives ex - press, All our dai - ly thank - ful - ness.

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Music: DIX 777777
Conrad Kocher (1838)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.
All that we have is yours, O God.
We offer you our whole selves
symbolized by these gifts lain before you.
Take them all, seen and unseen,
and use them for the building of your kingdom
here on earth, today and always.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please re-mask before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms

across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678)



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road

that we might serve our neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ Sending +

THANKSGIVING FOR SACRED CONNECTIONS

COMMITMENT CARD PROCESSION

Bind Us Together

Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

God, whose breath enlivens all things,
 whose promise is everlasting,
 and whose love overflows to all,
 bless you with truth and peace,
 in the name of the Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583)

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing,
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrillo
 pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, confident in Christ's love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Vesper Voluntary no. VIII"

Edward Elgar



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generosity Sunday

Today is Generosity Sunday, the day we bring our commitment cards to the altar and dedicate them to God for the sake of Christ's ministry in the world. If you left your commitment card at home or filled it out online, you may ask an usher for an extra card to bring forward during the commitment card processional near the end of the service. We give thanks for the opportunity to share our gifts, and we celebrate the impact these gifts have on our lives and on our community through God's grace and the ministry of St. John's.

Thanksgiving Multifaith Service: Call for Singers

On Tuesday, November 22, the New Trier Multifaith Alliance will be holding a Thanksgiving service at 7:30 pm at Winnetka Congregational Church (725 Pine Street, Winnetka). All are invited to attend! They are also inviting any singers or choir members from local churches to participate in the choir for the service. There will be a rehearsal that night at 6:30 pm, followed by the service. Music can be sent out ahead of time. If you are interested, please contact Luke Duroc-Danner (luke@stjohnswilmette.com) to receive more information or to register to participate.

Christmas Brass Concert at St. John's

This December, St. John's will be hosting the Lakeshore Brass Ensemble for a special Christmas concert on Sunday, December 18th at 3 pm. This concert is supported by the Aylesworth Music Fund at St. John's. More information about the program and reserving seating will be coming soon!

Seeking Children's Church Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a very vibrant Sunday School program going this year, and we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in teaching or assisting with Children's Church. If you're interested, please sign up using the link in your E-news. If you would like to learn more information about the curriculum and what a typical lesson looks like, please reach out to the Youth Ministry Team (Luke & Erin Rasmussen and Jason Shutters).

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY

Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what Yahweh says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of God,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for Yahweh has a controversy with the people,
and God will contend with Israel.

³ 'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

⁶ 'With what shall I come before Yahweh,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

⁸ God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does Yahweh require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**