



*Established 1851  
Madison, Wisconsin*

**September 8, 2019  
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00am Classical Worship**



**The Organ Prelude**

*We invite you to use this time to prepare for worship.  
Please respect the listening atmosphere in the Sanctuary by refraining from conversation.*

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| I.   | Sonata - Flight of Angels  | George F. Handel      |
| II.  | Hail To Thee, My Jesu, Lowly<br>(Three variations on the Chorale Tune)         | Johann Sebastian Bach |
| III. | Choral I<br>Moderato, Maestoso, Poco animato, Largo                            | César Franck          |
| VI.  | Bist du bei mir (Draw near to me)<br>from the Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach | Johann Sebastian Bach |

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***We are a community centered in Christ:  
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.***

## We Gather in Love

The Introit     *O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

Charles Callahan

*Please stand for The Call to Worship*

We come to tend to our lives,

**as seekers after truth.**

We come to turn ourselves around,

**as persons gone astray.**

We come to celebrate life,

**the gift of God beyond measure.**

We come to study the mind of Christ,

**that we may be set free in love.**

*Remain standing as we sing the Hymn of Praise*

Hymnal No. 476

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above, st. 1,2 4 and 5*

(Lyons)

The Prayer of the Day

The Gloria Patri

Hymnal No. 579

**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.**

*You may be seated.*

The Prayer of Confession

Jesus came to all people.

**We do not always receive the Lord.**

Jesus preached Good News to the poor.

**We confess how often we blame the poor for being poor.**

**In our comfort, we ignore the rise of harmful poverty in our cities, in rural settings, and around the world. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Jesus proclaimed release to the captives.

**We confess our reluctance to accept Christ's freedom.**

**In our stubbornness, we remain trapped in prisons of selfishness, prejudice, fear, and greed. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Jesus proclaimed recovery of sight to the blind.

**We confess that we can have narrow vision. When we see only our own point of view, we miss the beauty and power of God's presence in our world. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Jesus set at liberty those who were oppressed.

**We confess our discomfort with ideas of liberation. In our quest for personal security, we often choose to ignore the suffering of helpless people beyond the range of our sight. Forgive us, O Lord.**

A Time of Silent Confession

## Welcome – We're glad YOU are here!



A Hearing Loop is installed and available. Switch your hearing aid to "T-Cell". Please ask an Usher if you need assistance.

Before worship, please silence cell phones and other electronic devices.

When asked, please stand as you are able.

Congregational spoken responses appear in **bold type**.

Hymns and sung responses will be found in the **BLUE HYMNAL** or on the screen.

**Please join us –** after Worship today for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Hall, outside of Sanctuary. Whether you are a long-time member, or a visitor, we'd like to get to know you!



**Today we commission our children's leaders,** blessing and supporting them as they care for, mentor, lead, explore with our children. We recognize and bless those who have been called into leading the children.

Serving in Children's Chapel:

Erin Drewes  
Alice Spencer  
Alyson Pitch  
Jami Wood  
Bridgett Manteufel  
Malvina Nyanjo  
Lauren Taylor  
Susie Anderson  
Richard Sandrock  
Leigh Langford  
Mariana Vieth  
Kate Mayefske  
Katie Bencze  
Laura Knoll  
Chris VanderArk

Serving in Faith Quest  
and the Nursery:

David Strait  
Rowan Kulp  
Rebecca Heidelberg  
Willow Walker  
Levity Kulp  
Maddie Matthews  
Hope Beyer  
Sarah Blanchard

The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus proclaimed the acceptable year of the Lord.

**Out of love and mercy, God forgives us our sins. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Word of Grace. Our response is joy. Our responsibility is life as new people.**

Please stand for The Response of Praise

The Celtic Alleluia

Please join in singing the Refrain before and after the verses sung by the Choir.

Remain standing to Share the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Doxology

Hymnal No. 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...**

You may be seated.

*Children grades K-5 are excused after the Doxology to attend Faith Quest; followed by Children's Chapel at 10am.*

## **We Grow by Grace**

News of the Church

The First Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 14-21

Pew Bible, page 835

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 12: 12-31.a

Pew Bible, page 933

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Message

The Gospel According to...Merv?

The Invitation for Giving

The Offertory Anthem *Muchos Miembras Hay (We are Many Parts)* Marty Haugen

Refrain — sung in Spanish and English:

*We are many parts, we are all one body,*

*And the gifts we have we are given to share.*

*May the spirit of love make us one indeed –*

*one, the love we share; one, our hope in despair; one, the cross we bear.*

*God of love, we look to you, we would be your servants true,*

*Let us be your love to all the world. (Refrain)*

*All you seekers great and small, seek the greatest gift of all;*

*If you love, then you will know the Lord. (Refrain)*

## 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.

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## We Go Forth to Serve

Commissioning Childrens' Education Leaders

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Please stand for The Sending Hymn

Hymnal No. 435

*We All Are One in Mission*

(Es flog ein kleines Waldvögelein)

The Benediction

The Choral Blessing

*The Spirit of the Lord*

Charles Callahan

The Postlude Recessional Fanfare

John Cook

### Next Steps...

1. *What are your gifts, talents, abilities? How has God made you unique?*
2. *When do you tend to believe that you don't belong or that your gifts aren't valuable? How might you begin to think differently?*
3. *What are ways you contribute to the good of the people around you? the church? Where do you need the strengths of others?*
4. *What step might you take this week to live out the truth of this passage?*

## Participants in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Tom Robinson

Liturgist: Rev. Sharol Hayner

Reader: Clinton Otte-Ford

Music Director: Kathleen Otterson

Organist: John Rafoth

Vocalists: The Chancel Choir

Acolytes: Aaron Wood, Henry Kempen

Greeters: Ron Wanek, Arlene Linn

Ushers: Tom Kelly, Lead; Laurie Stephens-Vance, Clinton Otte-Ford

Audio Visual Coordinator: Bryan Yates

## Next Sunday – September 15— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am

Organ Pre-Service (Sanctuary)

9:00am

Classical Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00am

Children's Chapel; Faith Café (Fellowship Hall; Chapel)

11:00am

Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

**Have a good week!**