

Order of Worship
31 October 2021
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship		Stacey Simpson Duke
Prelude	<i>Prelude in E Major, BWV 566</i>	- Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Invocation		Astrid Beck
Introit	<i>God is Seen</i>	- arr. by Alice Parker
Through all the world below God is seen all around, Search hills and valleys through, There He's found. The growing of the corn, The lily and the thorn, The pleasant and forlorn, All declare, God is there, In meadows drest in green, God is seen.	See spring waters rise, Fountains flow, rivers run, The mist that veils the sky Hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour, The ocean, it doth roar And beat upon the shore, And all praise, in their ways, The God who ne'er declines His designs.	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 146	Astrid Beck
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!		
The Crossing		
Congregational Response: We are your family. We will love you, pray for you, encourage you, and walk with you in the way of Jesus, that we may all shine together as light for this world.		
Time as Children	<i>Heavenly Dance</i>	Xan Morgan - Shin-Ae Chun
Children are invited to follow Xan out to Children's Ministry time during Time as Children. Please have them wear their jackets. See you at the playground after worship to pick up your kids.		
Prayers of the People Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896		Stacey Simpson Duke
Gospel Reading	Mark 12:28-34	Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	<i>Love Over and Over and Over</i>	
Silent Reflection		
Call for the Offering		
Anthem	Sweet Hour of Prayer	<i>SWEET PRAYER</i>
Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my want and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!		

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Passing of the Peace

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you.

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E Major, BWV 566

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We pray for Joe & Kathy Mortensen, Ron Tipton, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Laura Parmelee, Bob Wallace, Ann Garvin, Katie Mason, Tom and Kim Voytal, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, Barry Smith, John Rowe, Lydia, Fay Key, Janet Myers, Sam Storch, Leah Grange, Alta Feldman, and Lisa Hesse.

Worship Sign-In – let us know you're here! <https://forms.gle/eK81RNK5Wbtexhgw5>

Join us after worship for our Poetry and Faith group, at 11:15, on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135916710>

Join us for Night Prayer on Tuesday nights at 8:30pm on our church Facebook page for a simple short service of prayer.

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Vespers - our free meal on Tuesdays to anyone who needs or wants one - is restarting on November 2! The FBCA2 family staffs the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please contact Mary Davis or sign up at the link on our Facebook page to serve.

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