

Order of Worship for September 13, 2020

Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Dave Moore
Transitional Pastor

The FEED with Stewardship Video

Prayer of Preparation

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude

“Prelude” from Cello Suite No. 4,
in E-flat Major
James Farquhar, cellist

J.S. Bach

Praising

Prayer of Invocation

Tom Thomas

Call to Worship

—based on Ephesians 1:17-19

Leader: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened.

People: **Help us to know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us.**

*Hymn No. 45

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Confessing

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

based in part on Ephesians 3:18

God of all flesh, in Jesus Christ you have immersed divine splendor and wisdom into human life. He is not repelled by the shabbiness and shamefulness of our lives, but seeks to redeem us.

We confess that our compassion is limited to those like ourselves:
...our kindness is reserved for those who are kind to us.
...our passionate concern remains silent until our own little kingdoms are threatened.

O God, forgive us. Cleanse us of self-centeredness and open us to the whole breadth and length, height and depth of your love, manifest in all creation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

Leader: Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

People: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-21

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Scripture continued on the next page...

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Response

--Isaiah 55:11

Leader: So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

People: It shall not return to me empty,

Leader: But it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

People: And it shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Message

“What Are We Asking?”

Rev. Moore

Responding

Hymn No. 574

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

Prayers of the People and 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.

A Word about Stewardship

Rev. Lynn Packwood
Minister of Music and Pastoral Care

Musical Meditation

“Sarabande” from Cello Suite No. 4, J.S. Bach
in E-flat Major
James Farquhar, cellist

Sending

***Hymn No. 708**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

***Benediction**

Rev. Moore

Postlude

“Prelude in B-flat Major”

J.S. Bach

Nancy Mayo – organist

**During the postlude, please wait for the ushers
to release your row.**

**We ask that you maintain social distancing of six feet
until you leave the parking lot.**

Floral Arranger: Helen Hume