

October 24th 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

from Psalm 34:1-3

One: Let us bless the Lord at all times;

All: May God's praise constantly be in our mouths.

One: Our souls make their boast in the Lord,

All: let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: let us exalt God's name together!

Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me (vrs. 1,4, 5)

KELVINGROVE

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you know us

better than we know ourselves.

You see our need when we are blind to it.

You made us to be yours.

Yet we confess

that we have turned away from your ways;

we have ignored the cries of our neighbors;

we have done harm to others and to your earth.

In your compassion, gracious God,

forgive us for our lack of faith,

and for failing to seek your will.

Give us the light of your wisdom,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, beloved of God, the one who created you and maintains your every breath desires to give you mercy and unimaginable grace. Go forth in peace, with the firm assurance of pardon. Be reconciled to one another, walk humbly before God, and believe this wonderful good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Response

*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, amen.*

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

Loving God, may we not only hear of you, but truly hear your words to us; may we not only see your glory around us, but see your greatness through your word to us. In Jesus's name we pray.
Amen.

First Reading Psalm 126

When the LORD changed Zion's circumstances for the better,
it was like we had been dreaming.

²Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter;
our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.

It was even said, at that time, among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them!"

³Yes, the LORD has done great things for us,
and we are overjoyed.

⁴LORD, change our circumstances for the better,
like dry streams in the desert waste!

⁵Let those who plant with tears
reap the harvest with joyful shouts.

⁶Let those who go out,
crying and carrying their seed,
come home with joyful shouts,
carrying bales of grain!

Anthem

Second Reading Mark 14:3-9

³Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. ⁴Some grew angry. They said to each other, "Why waste the perfume?" ⁵This perfume could have been sold for almost a year's pay^[a] and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

⁶Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. ⁷You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me. ⁸She has done what she could. She has anointed my

body ahead of time for burial. ⁹I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

Sermon **A Scent That Won't Go Away**

Responding to the Word

Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision (vrs. 1, 2, 4)* SLANE

Affirmation of Faith **Apostles' Creed, pg. 35 in hymnal**

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Giving Back to God's Kingdom

*We offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving for what we have received,
that we might bring glory to God's work in the world.*

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Charge & Benediction

People of God,
go in peace and walk humbly in the world.

Job 42:3, 6

Beloved, may the healing love of Christ,
the wisdom of God,
and the strengthening power of the Spirit
be with you this day and always.

Blessing

HYMN 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (vrs. 5)* GREEN TYLER

Postlude

