Order of Worship: Sunday July 4, 2021

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Prelude

Prelude on 'Melita' (C. Callahan) Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome and Introduction to Service

ADORATION

I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
Psalm 9:1–2

Hymn of Praise Scripture Reading

Hakuna Wakaita sa Jesu/There's No One in This World Like Jesus

Luke 1:46-55

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Psalm 150

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

CONFESSION

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Psalm 32:5

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn of Thanks

For the Beauty of the Earth (UMH 92, vs. 1&6)

SUPPLICATION

For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve.

James 5:16

Prayers of the People

Prayers for Healing

Prayers for our church - be transparent about needs and struggles

Prayers for our country and world

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Hymn

This Is My Song/God Bless America Medley

Prayer of Commitment

That for which we prayed today

Give us grace and courage to work for it.

To speak when necessary, and keep silent when prudent.

To act courageously, and wait patiently

To offer ourselves and our gifts with joy.

And to love - always, always, always to love.

As God loves us! AMEN.

Postlude

God of the Ages (G.W. Warren)