

and of breaking down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, age or gender, sexual orientation or class, real or imaginary. You have called your church to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of our political rights. You have called us to labor for the abolition of all forms of discrimination and oppression and to minister to those injured by them. Yet we admit that, as congregations and as individuals who claim the name Christian, we have excluded, dominated, or patronized others in ways large and small; we have resisted your Holy Spirit and have brought contempt on the faith we profess. Ground us again in your reconciling work in Jesus Christ, and bring us all, together, once more to the peace, justice, and freedom you intend for all your people. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Garden Hymn” Ronald Perera

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 130 (*responsively*) Old Testament, page 542

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

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.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:21–43 New Testament, page 37

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Church and the Suffering. Hardy H. Kim

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 756 “O God of Every Nation”

*Affirmation of Faith. Belhar Confession

Minister: *We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;*

All: that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor,
and the wronged, and that God calls the church to follow in this.

Minister: *For God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.*

All: God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind.

Minister: *God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,*

All: helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly.

Minister: *We believe that pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering,*

All: that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good
and to seek the right,

Minister: *and that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need—*

All: witnessing and striving against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Minister: *We believe that the church, possessed by God, must stand where the Lord stands—*

All: against injustice and with the wronged. In following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Minister: *Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice*

All: and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Minister: *We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things,*

All: even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response

“Amen” Camille Saint-Saëns

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Amazing Grace” American folk tune; arr. John Coates

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Mighty God, all of creation is yours. Yet you have claimed an enslaved people as your own and redeemed them from the misery of bondage. You chose wild-eyed men and indignant women to be prophets of your truth and righteousness. You came as a lowly child from a provincial town, and you chose simple fishermen to be your partners in work. Even today, you claim broken and fearful people like us to take up your name and your cause, to be your eyes and ears to perceive the pain of the world, and to be your hands and your voice to heal and speak comfort. In the gifts we bring today—heart and mind, time and treasure—may we be fashioned more fully in your image, that the world might know your love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 772 “Live into Hope”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Morning Songs G. Walker
Go Forth with Joy!

TODAY IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

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9:30: Judith L. Watt, Arlene Raine, Jeffrey Doane, Hardy H. Kim

11:00: Layton Williams, Arlene Raine, Jeffrey Doane, Hardy H. Kim

The Music Today

Men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

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Worship Notes

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