Worship: August 16, 2020

PRELUDE "Sing a New Song"

-Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! A family formed by faith,
We gather to worship the Living Lord.
Lifelong followers seeking sustenance,
new disciples searching for grace —
a family fashioned by faith,
we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.
Children of God, come!
The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own.
Let is praise God!

Hymn Meditation on "In Christ There is No East or West" -Burkhardt Call to Confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
there is much we must confess:
When we discount another's pain
or overlook neighbors in distress,
forgive us.
When we choose callous words
Over compassionate impulses,
forgive us.
When we think others less deserving of grace
and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted,
forgive us.
Have mercy upon us, Lord,
and heal our brokenness
so that every word and deed

that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Solo "From A Distance" Melanie Sandquist

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

HYMN # 250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, and apple tree; In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death a resurrection; at the last a victory, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE: "Voluntary" -Stanley

WORSHIP LEADERS

Organ: Jeffrey Seekins Officiant: W. James Hardy Soloist: Melanie Sandquist