

Worship: August 23, 2020

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

As one body we have many members,
each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.
We, who are many, are one body in Christ.
Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers,
artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.
We, who are many, are one body in Christ.
With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts
in service to Christ, who makes us one.
Let us glorify the Lord!

Hymn #458: “Thy Word”

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way,
Still you're right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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And a light unto my path.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?
We call you the Son of the Living God.
But we do not trust you to be at work
in our world here and now.
Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?”
You are the Messiah, who delivers us
from death to life.
But we doubt your power to
transform our lives.
Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?”
We profess you are the Christ,
the Lord of our lives.
But our attention often wanders
and our loyalty is tested.
Forgive us.
Help us not only to proclaim you,
but to follow your way of justice and peace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Solo “Oceans” Molly Secord

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:30-20

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 #175 “Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia !

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:

WORSHIP LEADERS

Organ: Jeffrey Seekins
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