Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023



Abel Pann (1833-1963), And Sarah laughed within, pastel crayon, Israeli 20th Century.



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Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship. *Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Greeting

The Prelude Ionathan Oblander Procession on CRUCIFER, Andrew Carter

The Call to Worship

Rev. Susan Reed Leader: O God of Wonder and Joy, we gather this day to celebrate that You are still

popping out around corners and surprising us when we least expect. By Your grace, People: Give us eyes to see the extraordinary in the ordinariness of our days.

Leader: Simple circumstances seem to unfold with surprising synchronicity, like

heavenly writers crafting comedy to lift our spirits and awake our souls. By Your joy, People: Give us ears to hear the humorous in the heaviness of our weeks.

Leader: We are well acquainted with the harsh realities of our world, groaning for Good News and yearning for healing and hope. By Your love,

People: Give us hearts and hands, big enough and broad enough, to embrace our challenges, befriend our adversaries, and seize our opportunities to practice Your resurrection in every season of our "one wild and precious life."

All: May we be like the wise woman of Proverbs who laughs at the days to come, rooted and grounded in Your steadfast love. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

*The Hymn of Joy Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine, No. 514

Congregation

Romans 5:1-8

The Epistle Reading

Rev. Reba Cobb

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Reba Cobb

*The Hymn of Community The Servant Song

Congregation **BFACH SPRING**

Alissa Vance

We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ light for you, in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to, Let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to, Let you be my servant, too. I will weep when you are weeping, When you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, Till we've seen this journey thro'. When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together, Of Christ's love and agony.

*The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15

The Vocal Reflection Parker Van Houten

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Sarah's Story: A Laughing Matter

*The Hymn of Commitment

We Are Called to Be God's People, No. 710

*The Offertory Prayer

Sue White

The Offertory VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, Andrew Carter Ionathan Oblander

Congregation

*The Offertory Response Congregation 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.

*The Benediction

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

*The Postlude Giocoso, Andrew Carter Jonathan Oblander

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Tommy Smith by his family

Prayer Concerns:

H.David Hale, father of David Hale, hospitalized; Mary Louise Jenkins, mother of Beth Kimbell, health concerns; Paul Ohlendorf, brother of Elaine Baker, health concerns; Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns; Jennifer Harberson, health concerns

Looking Ahead

Grief Support Group- June 18, 25 Better Cyber Safe than Sorry (A Lifetimers Event)- June 21 Prayer Time in the Prayer Garden- July 11, August 8 Godly Play Training- July 22

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