

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Jesus says, "Come and you will understand."

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Bobbi Hunter

What a Friend We Have in Jesus... Joyce Jones
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thanks be to You, O God
That we have risen this day

People: to the rising of this life itself.

Leader: Be the purpose of God
Between us and each purpose

People: between us and each hand.

Leader: O God who brought us
to the bright light of this new day

People: bring us to the light of eternity.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 397

O For a Closer Walk with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Leader: When people heard that Jesus was from
Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come
from Nazareth?"

**People: We confess, God of beginnings, that we have
asked the same question. Can anything good
come from that side of town?**

Leader: From a school with poor test scores?
From a criminal history?

**People: From the opposite political party?
From a history of addiction?**

* Those who wish may stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)... continued

Leader: From a faith with doubt?

From a church with faults?

People: Holy God, forgive us for doubting that You are in all things at all times. Open our eyes to see Your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is.

Leader: Can anything good come from there?

People: Yes. Always yes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Bob Kraut

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ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Be Still My Soul... Jean Sibelius, arr. Dan Bird

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:35-51

pg. 1647

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Renée Rico

“Where are you staying?”

2nd in the Series “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...”

ANTHEM

Chancel Bells

What a Friend We Have in Jesus...

Charles Converse, arr. Susan E. Geschke

Note: The text associated with this tune can be found on page 403 in the hymnal.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

- * HYMN OF RESPONSE (see center page)
A Covenant of Grace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

- * CLOSING HYMN No. 403
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- * BENEDICTION

- * CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Cover of Hymnal
Go Now in Peace... Don Besig
Descant by Chancel Bells

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Bobbi Hunter

God of Grace, God of Glory... Paul Manz

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