TRADITIONAL WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

June 25, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come close today to hear the Word.

Come to do the Word.

ALL: Come to experience Comfort.

For that matter, come to experience Challenge,

To consider the cost of a good life, and to find joy along the way.

One: Come to find your own Humanity. Come to find in others Community. Come to find Church.

ALL: In other words, let nothing stand in the way of our coming here to find God. Shall we begin?

"Welcoming God"

(see jacket center)

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong

(congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CALL TO PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come Away with Me"

No. 2202 (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

ALL: God our great Parent, in whose eyes all life is precious,

help us to value the worth of every individual,

whom you have created in your image. We pray for victims of violence or hatred, especially people who have suffered innocently.

May they find the healing of body, mind or spirit they long for.

We ask that the causes of division and hatred may be brought down. Where there is prejudice because of color, identity, religion or culture, help us to see things through the eyes of others,

and act towards them as we would like to be treated ourselves.

One: We also pray for people who have been the cause of hurts to others.

Enable them not only to admit their mistakes,

but also to turn a new way, using time and energy to benefit others,

that raises the Common Good. We pray for family relationships in our town, our country, our world. Thank you for those who are our own families, or who have been like family to us.

Bless them with the love in return which they themselves have shown. In silence now, we tell You the places and people we long to be set free. *(silence is kept)* Now we speak with confidence in the name of the One who brought us your Gospel, saying –

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Grand Rapids Women's Chorus

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 5: 17-26 (CEB)

SERMON "The Path to True Friendship: Notice your Mat"

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn "Help us Accept Each Other" No. 560

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN TO GO FORTH "We Are Called" No. 2172

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

^{*}Prayer Over the Gifts