



Tinderbox

Preparation for Worship

Of the Seven Deadly Sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back—in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you.

—Frederick Buechner

Prelude

Sean Cator

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

We Gather in God's Name

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song

10,000 Reasons

Praise Band

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—

People: the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.

Leader: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—

People: teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope,
and nurture generous spirits within us.

Leader: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—

People: the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

† Hymn #327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are too often divided, too easily offended, too quick to judge. We readily recognize the faults and prejudices of our neighbors, even as we are blind to our own. We sow our opinions freely and listen too little. We do not actively cultivate kindness. Forgive us.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgression from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

† Response #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem *A Jubilant Song* Lightfoot
Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:21-26

† Hymn #444 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Scripture Lesson James 1:19-20

Sermon *Tinderhearted* Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Your Grace is Enough* Praise Band

† Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Prayer of Dedication Judy Fitton

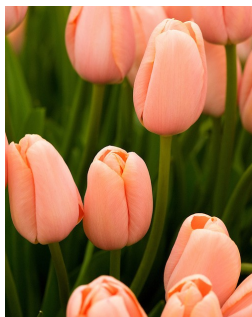
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #300 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

† Benediction

Postlude Sean Cator



The flowers are dedicated by Joe and Greta Miller in honor of *God's command to love Him and our neighbors as ourselves.*

Your greeter today is Anne Renninger.



IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire. If you need help, please call on an usher for assistance.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag. For infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the Children's Message in the sanctuary. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from second Sunday in September to the third Sunday in May. Please check the Youth bulletin boards in the main level hallway to see the Youth schedule.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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