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GEDÄCHTNESTAG SERVICE

Chimes

Welcome

Rev. Nicholas Pence

Prayer

Prelude

"God Is Here!"

Wilbur Held

***Call to Worship**

Rev. David McKinley

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence.

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

We will praise the Lord with gratitude and wonder!

***Hymn #580**

"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

Call to Confession

Rev. Bill Kalajainen

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we gather on this Day of Remembrance, we pause our celebration to confess that often we have not responded to the calling of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We have placed our goals and agendas before your vision for the church. We have allowed our fears and skepticism to restrain our faith. We have shut our eyes, our ears and our hearts to the world around us, rather than fully embracing the call to ministry. We have even resisted the transformative power of the Spirit binding us together as living stones in the Church of Jesus Christ. We have forgotten the power of your hand at work in years gone by, and still working among us today. Forgive us, loving God, and lead us once again upon the continued journey of our faith. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture:

Rev. Alfred Duncan

Leviticus 19:33 – 34 (NRSV p. 94; LP p. 185)

James 2:14 – 17 (NRSV p. 981; LP p.1893)

***Hymn #638**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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.**

Call to Offering

Offertory

"For the Fruits of His Creation"

William Bates

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Eternal God, we lay our offerings before you in gratitude,
expressing our thanks for our faith, for this community of
God's people, for the leading of your gracious hand through all
times of life, and for each and every moment of ministry, and
in all the years to come. Bless these gifts O God, that they might
be multiplied and sent forth into the world as seeds of the
Gospel. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn #45**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Lord, Dismiss Us, with Your Blessing"

Eugene Thayer

*All those who are able, please stand.

Day of Remembrance Hymn

Tune of Duke Street

(Composed for the occasion by Kathy Bieler, Dave Luz, and Nick Pence)

Come joyful servants let us sing
Sharing the story of our faith
Echoing words from ages gone
And witnessed here in us today

Through persecution and distress
Facing grave perils, never swayed
Exiled from their Silesian land
Our kindred's faith still firm and strong

Borne by "St. Andrew" they crossed the sea
'Midst furious waves and tempest strong
Etched by their strife and pain of grief
Faithful, they followed Christ's own call

Led by their prayers to a new, fairer shore
Haven for peace, with grace received
Humbly recalling 'twas God's own hand
Guiding them onward through life's storms

Yet we remember such bravery through faith
Led and inspired by yearnings clear
So, too, with welcome and in grace
We shall live out our Christian call

Blessing

Sharing of the Meal