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TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH



September 5, 2010
11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"Cornet Voluntary"

William Walond
... Rachel Mahon, organ

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER*

No. 220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe Den Herren*

CALL TO WORSHIP *PLEASE REMAIN STANDING*

Minister: The apostle Paul called to the people:

All: Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

Minister: As there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

All: The perishable does not inherit the imperishable;

Minister: And our labour in the Lord is not in vain.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

Almighty and merciful God, you are the hope of all people, even unto the very ends of the earth. We recognize that you understand our inner-most needs as much as you know the hidden thoughts that we harbor within. Forgive us when we fail to love others as you have loved us. Help us to leave behind all that divides us as your people that we may be brought into the unity of the Spirit through Jesus Christ, Amen.

KYRIE *SING TOGETHER*

Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

635 v. 1

All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC CHOIR ONLY

"Awake Us, Lord, And Hasten"

Bach
... Sanctuary Choir

Awake us, Lord, and hasten. Thy Holy Spirit give.
The old man in us chasten that our new man may live,
On earth may know Thee only, our thoughts give to Thee wholly
And all Thy goodness own.

SCRIPTURE READING (NRSV)

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

No. 652 "Be Still, My Soul"

Finlandia

SERMON

Are Disasters From God?

The Rev. Dr. Paul S. Wilson

PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER SAY TOGETHER (*Voices United, p. 921*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM CHOIR ONLY

"O Come, Ye Servants Of The Lord"

Tye
... Sanctuary Choir

O come ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;
From early morning to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known:
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

No. 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

CLOSING HYMN SING TOGETHER

No. 654 "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded"

Michael

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

No. 971

Merritt

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare" (From "La Peri")

Paul Dukas
... Rachel Mahon, organ