

January 16, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Arnold Kenseth (adapted)

*(the words of the people are in bold italics)*

God's Mercy is giant.

***Love is a vast circle around us***

Divine Fire breaks forth, and Grace abounds  
in the nights of our sorrow, in the dense dark of our pain.

***God is the Solace of hands to our weariness***

***And the true Word of comfort to our weariness,***

Who on the day of our defeat can trumpet us to storm the heights.

***A crust from God's bread, a syllable of God's Word . . .***

***And we are whole again, and the day splendors in laughter.***

Let us praise God. Amen!

***Amen!***

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Arnold Kenseth

***Almighty God, from your whirlwind come and speak to our hearts. Come with your mercy, for we have need of it. Come with your laughter, and teach us joy. Lay your peace upon the world's rage; and into all darkness send your light. As we approach the celebrations of your table, make us ready in body, mind, and soul to touch and taste and trust the holy mysteries before us. And send us forth in your strength to heal and love and overcome. Amen***

\*HYMN PH #4 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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***O God, we live without you by our own choosing. We don't want you in our lives seriously. We try to reduce you to our size and therefore we lose you. Sometimes we feel shallow, empty, and defeated. We long for depth; we ache for fullness; we need satisfaction. Out of our little faith, we ask you to trouble us, find us, forgive us, and restore us. Amen***

Words of Assurance

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24; 3:1-14

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS. Luke 3:21-23; 4:1-13

SERMON "New Beginnings"

\*HYMN PH 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."

PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Let us pray.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Response

OFFERING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Doxology PH #515

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below;***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly host:***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayer of Dedication of our gifts and ourselves:

***In thanks and with gratitude for all that you provide, dear God, and to the service of the world you love so much, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you in Jesus' name. Amen.***

\*HYMN PH #87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE