



Carrollton Presbyterian Church

A Heart In The City

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023
11:00 AM



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

We welcome you to Carrollton Presbyterian Church. Let the Musical Meditation be a call to reverent silence in which all may become aware of God's presence.

CENTERING MOMENT

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Letter from Birmingham, Alabama jail, April 16, 1963~

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Elijah Brawner

Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

PRELUDE

The First Nowell
Traditional English

Benjamin D. Knoedler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elijah Brawner

We gather to worship God, Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living. We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

*HYMN

Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table

GTG # 186

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

God calls us to follow, gives us examples of justice makers, and we are wanderers who often miss the path in front of us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Merciful God, we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have ignored your call to justice. We speak out against racial injustice and prejudice of all kinds, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequity. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions and change our behaviors. Move us to action with the compassion of your grace, and shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a new life has begun. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you!
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GLORIA PATRI

GTG # 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end! A-men. A—men*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

(All children are invited to come forward for a conversation with Pastor Kate)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elijah Brawner

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Amos 5:21-24
Pew Bible OT Page # 854

Elijah Brawner

GOSPEL READING

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Matthew 25:31-46
Pew Bible NT Page # 29

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

SERMON

Following the Drum Major

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

For the Healing of the Nations

GTG # 346

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-** from the Confession of 1967

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, he overcomes the barriers between siblings and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellows, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Elijah Brawner

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Mackenzie Phillips, soloist
(You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)

James Wheldon Johnson

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

GTG # 606

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

For Everyone Born

GTG # 769

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

***POSTLUDE**

Lobe den Herren

Joel Raney

The livestream does not end until the conclusion of the Postlude.
Please refrain from talking until after the Postlude.

* You are invited to stand, if able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Liturgist:

Elijah Brawner

Music Director:

Julie Lowry

Organist:

Bryant Hand

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Leslie Goldsmith

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Don Rice

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