PRELUDE
Selections from *Pastoral Suite* (2006–07)  
*Patricia Van Ness* (b. 1951)

HYMN
No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  
*Old Hundredth*

The congregation stands and sings.

CALL TO WORSHIP
*from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3*

*Minister:* Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, 
your faithfulness to the clouds.

*People:* Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, 
your judgments are like the great deep.

*Minister:* The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, 
God’s mercies never come to an end;

*People:* They are new every morning; 
great is God’s faithfulness.

CONFESSION
*In unison:*
Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and 
whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; 
that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee 
our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN
No. 295, “O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand”  
*Dundee*

The congregation stands and sings.
THE PEACE & GREETING

All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.

OFFERTORY

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Psalm 121 Levavi oculos
Sung by the choir

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all people here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22–31

ANTHEM

Be With Us, Op. 87, No. 3 (1978)

O be with us! The day is o’er and evening comes.
I cried upon the Lord in my need, and my prayers he heard.
I cried from the depths of hell and you heard my cry.
For you had cast me into the sea, floods did compass me about.
All your billows, all your waves, they passed over me.
I then said: From you I far am cast, never more shall I see your holy temple.
Water compassed me about:
Even to my soul: depth closed ‘round me, weeds wrapped about my head.
To mountain floors I went down.
With her bars the earth was about me forever.
Yet thou hast brought up my life, O Lord from the grave.
When my soul fainted, I remembered the Lord,
And my prayer came in unto thee, to thine holy temple.
They that practice lying vanities forsake their mercy.
But I will sacrifice unto thee with songs of thanksgiving.
This have I promised.
Salvation is of the Lord.

Adapted from Luke 24:29; Jonah 2:3–10 by Leland B. Sateren (1913–2007)
SECOND LESSON
Luke 18:1–8

Pew Bible, page 70 (NT)

ANTHEM
Psalm 103 (I Bless You, with All That Is Within Me) (2020)
Patricia Van Ness

I bless you, with all that is within me,
for you have redeemed my life from the grave,
and crowned me with loving-kindness.

I am as grass, a flower that blossoms and fades,
but in you I am in all-love forevermore.

I have no fear;
I am wholly healed.
I am in all-love forevermore.

Adapted from Psalm 103

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER
In unison:
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE
The congregation remains seated.

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
SERMON

The Rev. Stephanie Paulsell

HYMN
No. 238, “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Paderborn

The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Preambolo e toccata energica, Op. 1442 (2021)  
Carson Cooman ’04 (b. 1982)

TODAY’S SERVICE
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