

# Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*You call us to work for justice, teaching us intentional acts of service. You immerse us in courage, daring us to speak words of hope. We give glory to your love, Holy Redeemer. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Lynn Tieken

\*INTROIT # 361

**"How Firm a Foundation"** (v. 1&5)

American Folk Melody

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait patiently for our God.

*We will sing, we will sing new songs about the One who calls us here.*

We will not chase after other gods.

*We will sing, we will sing new songs about the One in whom we can trust.*

We will tell of all God has done for us.

*We will sing, we will sing new songs about the One whose salvation is for all.*

We will worship the One, Triune God.

*We will sing, we will sing new songs about the One God, our God!*

\*HYMN#359

**"More Love to Thee, O Christ"**

Doane, 1870

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and in penitence, let us confess our sin as we pray together, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Precious and Powerful Lord, we ask your forgiveness for the times we have turned away from you. Forgive us those times we have not used the spiritual gifts you have showered on us, as well as the times when we have neglected those who need us, and the very gifts you intended us to use. You have called us to be your servants, yet we are so wrapped up in our own lives that we fail others. You have called us to be light to the nations, yet we can barely take care of our own circle of responsibilities. Strengthen us once again with power beyond ourselves. Guide us and give us courage to serve you in all that we say and do. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we pray. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and even now Christ prays for us. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. And that includes me! The old life has gone. A new life has begun. Praise be to God! Amen.*

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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. Amen. Amen.*

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## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9

Bibles, p.476 / LG. p. 619

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #388

**"O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

Mann, 1881

SECOND SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 1: 10-18

Bibles, p.155 / LG. p.201

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

**"Called to Be Crucified"**

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The effective call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in humans, who are altogether passive in this, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, they are thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it." This, we believe. Amen.*

— The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.065

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

