

Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

You are the Lord, the God of all wisdom. You are so exalted in glory, that we lower our eyes, yet you move into our hearts and you renew and renovate our lives. Thanks be to God!

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

*INTROIT *Lift Book #39 "Jesus, Name above All Names"*

Hearn, 1974

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to turn the other cheek,

so we will seek to be vulnerable in our lives of faith and service.

We are called to go the extra mile,

so we will walk with those around us in the journeys of hope as well as fear.

We are called to love those who make that so hard,

so we will rely on the One who loves us to fill us with that special grace.

We are called to worship the Holy One together,

so we will be renewed and restored as the People of God. Let us worship!

*HYMN #442

"The Church's One Foundation"

Stone, 1866

CALL TO CONFESSION

Because we belong to God, we can turn our gaze away from all that tempts us, and see the One who loves us always. Let us turn our hearts toward God, as we speak of our foolishness and failures. Let us come to our God, speaking honestly about our lives, as we pray, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Gracious God, whose wisdom reaches far beyond our own, you teach us strength in weakness but we fail to follow your ways. We do not turn the other cheek, nor do we love our enemies. We do not pray for those who persecute us. Forgive us, and show us, again, a better way, that we might be both heirs, and bearers, of your coming reign. This we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: we belong to Christ. He is the One who comes bringing life and hope to all. And in his precious name, we are forgiven.

Because we belong to Christ, we belong to God. The Holy One is also the Merciful One, who fills our hearts with love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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.

#579

ANTHEM

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Bert Lowe

Martin, 1905

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Bibles, p.102 / LG. p. 132

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #359

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Doane, 1870

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 38-48

Bibles, p.05 / LG. p.06

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"How to Be Perfect"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"I believe that I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him." This, I believe. Amen!

– from the Heidelberg Catechism Q #1

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #429 **“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (v.1-4)** Rowthorn, 1978
February’s Hymn of the Month

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #429 **“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (v.5)** Rowthorn, 1978

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Bob Schauwecker and family, Jane & Tolly Dill and Diane Dill, Neil & Mariella Pennal, Jack Clark, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, and the staff and leadership of Grace Presbytery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

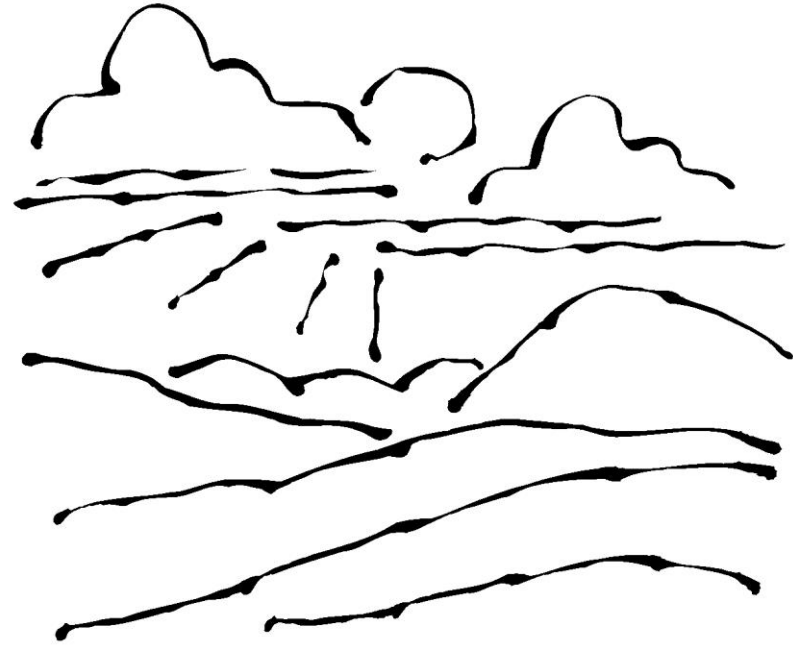
Sun. 02/23	8:30-9:30a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Wed. 02/26	4:30-5:30p.m.	Kids for God
Tues. 03/11	5:30p.m.	Pancake Supper

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Leviticus 19:2, NRSV



*You shall be holy,
for I the LORD
your God am holy.*

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