

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*May we offer not just cups of cold water, but all that we are and all we have to those who are in our midst.  
May everything we say and everything we do, bring you joy, Glorious God. Amen.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

*"Star Spangled Banner"*

Key, 1814

### WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

### \*INTROIT #338

*"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

Bates, 1893

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing, sing of God's unalterable love!

*We will rejoice as we walk in the light of our God.*

Tell everyone around you of God's faithfulness.

*We will share the stories of the One who has experienced our life in all its fullness.*

Shout out loud of God's presence with us, on this day and in all the days to come.

*Justice and goodness are God's gifts to us; truth and love walk by our side.*

Praise the Lord on this – his day!

*We have come to worship the Lord our God.*

### \*HYMN #331

*"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*

Roberts, 1876

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The idol of our times is personal independence, but in truth, we are bossed around by our faults, our poor choices, the hurts we cause others. Yet, by God's grace, we are set free from all these faults, so let us join in offering our confessions to the One who welcomes each of us with forgiveness and hope. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

### SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*It seems so simple, Lord, to offer a cup of cold water to a thirsty person, yet we know we worry more about how that might inflate our bill at the end of the month. We are to open our hearts to others, but they may need to be careful lest they slip on our icy attitudes. People are looking for places to lay their heads, yet our spare bedrooms continue to be the place where only the dust bunnies sleep. Forgive us, Great Shepherd. You did not have to*

*become one of us, but you did, so we might know your love. You did not have to welcome us into your family, but you do, so we might experience unexpected grace in our lives. You did not have to die for us, but in Jesus Christ you did, so we might have life with you forever. Please forgive us again, and help us draw closer to you. Amen.*

### LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Broken, we are made whole; thirsty, we are filled with living water; longing for a renewed relationship with God, we are welcomed with open arms by the One who forgives us.

*Without a doubt, God's love never comes to an end. We will tell our kids and grandkids of the grace and peace which is ours. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven again! 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

Psalm 145: 10-21

Bibles, p. 549/LG. p.714

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

#### HYMN #521

*"In Remembrance of Me"*

Courtney, 1972

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Bibles, p.11/ LG. p.14

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

### SERMON

*"Come to Me, Ye Heavy Laden"*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national*

*security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Although nations may serve God's purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God, denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling." This we believe. Amen.*

- The Confession of 1967 9.45

#### MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #322 **"We Are One in Christ Jesus"** Parker, 1996  
*July Hymn of the month*

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

### *Sending*

\*HYMN #182 **"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"** (v. 1 & 2) Dunstan, 1991

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #182 **"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"** (v. 3)

POSTLUDE Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

***Bold italic letters*** indicate congregational responses.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.. 07/06	3:00 p.m.	Closing Services Pleasant Springs PC
Tues. 07/08	8:00 a.m.	Kitchen Clean up
Thurs. 07/10	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting

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*"Come to me, all you who  
are weary  
and burdened,  
and I will  
give you rest."*

*Matthew 11:28*

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