

Service for the Lord's Day

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Loving God, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation so we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Tim Wasson

*INTROIT #837 ***“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”***

Hoffman, 1887

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the gathering of school supplies and the harvesting of backyard gardens,
God blesses us beyond imagination.

In the simple acts of daily chores and kindness shared by a stranger,
God is gracious to us.

In the hope of a dream yet to be fulfilled,
God's face shines upon us.

Come and worship God in joy!

The house of the Lord will be a house of prayer for all peoples.

*HYMN #729 ***“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”***

African American Spiritual

CALL TO CONFESSION

We may praise God, but we prefer to live our way, becoming captive to our foolish choices. But God longs to set us free, so let us confess to our God, as we pray together. 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

At so many opportunities, God of forever, we choose not to follow you. From our hearts to our mouths flow words that hurt others, and thoughts that lead us away from you. We are richly blessed, but think others should be grateful for the crumbs we offer to them. Our claims to have great faith are disputed by our inability to trust you in all things. We come to you, Holy of Holies, for you are gracious and forgiving. You offer us the fullness of

your love, not just a few dollops. You refuse to ignore us, and sweep us up with arms of joy. Forgive us again, and restore order to our lives by the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, has God rejected us?

No! By God's grace, God's gifts and God's calling are never taken back.

I ask you, again, has God rejected us?

No! That Love we know as God will never let us go.

This is good news, dear friends, believe it.

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.***

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ANTHEM

“Thank You, O God”

Chancel Choir

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 56: 1-2, 6-8

Bibles, p.645/ LG. p.839

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #661

“Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

Martin, 1905

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15: 21-28

Bibles, p.16 / LG. p.20

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Never Say “No!” to a Mother”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,

