

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Holy Spirit, you make all our places holy – committee meetings where we fidget, side roads where we meet neighbors, the porch in our own backyards. Holy One, make us aware of your presence in every space. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Sally Hosea

*INTROIT #216 *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Maker, 1881

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Even when we encounter folks who are mean, dishonest, spewing hate,
we are called to respond with that love which is true and sincere.
God calls us to love all people as if they were our sisters and brothers,
for God seeks to weave us into one family, tearing down all the barriers between us.
No matter how weary we become from our loneliness, our struggles, our service,
God challenges us to be patient, to rejoice, and to never stop praying.
Why should we do all things?
Because we are God's people, called to lives which are different, and which make a difference!

*HYMN #724 *“O Jesus I Have Promised”*

Mann, 1881

CALL TO CONFESSION

If God is in every person we meet, what does that say about the harmful words we speak, the hurt we cause to others in our lives? We are invited to bring our faults and foolishness, our brokenness and bitterness to God, confessing such sin-filled lives, so we might be made new. 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

You know us, Gracious God. You know who we are, people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong, rather than clinging to goodness. You know what we do, when we ignore the poor, or refuse to live at peace with others. You know that we continue to set our minds on all those temptations which whisper themselves into our lives. You know us all too well, O Lord. Yet, you continue to be patient with us and forgiving towards us. You

still embrace as we turn towards you in repentance, rather than washing your hands of us. Help us continue to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might find our life with 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

This is the good news, my friends. God remembers us and forgives us, so we might live as people of love and hope. Give praise to our God!

We will sing our praises to the One who has made us whole. Thanks 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.*** #579

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Romans 12: 9-21 Bibles, p.151/ LG. p.197
The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #735 ***“I Need Thee Every Hour”*** Lowry, 1872

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 16: 21-28 Bibles, p.16 / LG. p.22
The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

SERMON ***“You Are a Stumbling Block”*** Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – The Apostles’ Creed

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Runyan, 1923

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #375

“Shall We Gather at the River” (v. 1)

POSTLUDE

Selected

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

This week’s prayers and concerns: Bob Hayes, Debbie Murphy, Syble DeLoach, Neil Pennal, Jane, Tolly, and Diane Dill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sun. 08/31	Following Worship	Outreach Meeting
Mon. 09/01	Office Closed for Labor Day	
Mon 09/01 thru 09/05	Rev. Klein away	
Wed. 09/03	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids For God

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Organist & Choir Director: Mary Tidwell Pianist: Sally Hosea
Custodian: Bob Schauwecker



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24, NRSV

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