

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Liberating God: set us free from our loneliness by the touch of another's hand. Deliver us from our selfishness, so we may be of service to others. Break the chains of our pride, so we might walk with you in humility. Amen*

## Gathering

PRELUDE #521

**"In Remembrance of Me"**  
*September Hymn of the Month*

Courtney, 1972

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

\*INTROIT #442

**"Just As I Am"**

Elliott, 1843

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here, where God would teach us:

*so we may learn to be more compassionate, so we may be taught how to be more loving.*

We gather here, where Jesus would teach us

*the wisdom to choose forgiveness, the language of hope to speak to all.*

We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,

*so we might know how to share grace, and we would learn to welcome all to this Table.*

\*HYMN #645

**"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Hughes, 1907

CALL TO CONFESSION

In worship and at home, in life and in loss, now and in every moment, Christ is among us: loving us, teaching us, and hoping to lead us. But we focus on those needs, and desires that keep us from recognizing him. Let us confess all that we have done against God and others. 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

*All you ask of us is to love one another, Kindhearted God, and you are more than willing to teach us how. Yet we find this simple request so hard to carry out, this easy lesson so difficult to learn. Someone cuts us off in traffic, and we curse them. Another buys something we want but cannot afford, and we overflow with jealousy. A friend gets the acclaim we wanted, and we whisper about them behind their backs. Forgive us, Merciful God, and unclasp our hands from our grudges. With Christ in our midst, we can become the people you dream about – compassionate people of God. 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. Alone, we are welcomed into a family. Forgiven, we are sent to serve.

***Fed, forgiven, restored, loved. This Table is our constant reminder of God's presence in our lives, and of God's grace which makes us new in every moment. 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.***

#580

ANTHEM

**"For Where Love Is"**

Douglas Wayne

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 149: 1-5

Bibles, p. 644/LG. p.717

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #175

**"Seek Ye First"**

Lafferty, 1971

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 13: 8-14

Bibles, p.152/ LG. p.197

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

**"Put On the Lord Jesus Christ"**

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***"In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the***

*judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.” This we believe. Amen.*

– *The Confession of 1967* 9.08

## MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*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 #307            **“God of Grace and God of Glory” (v. 1-3)**

Hughes, 1907

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #307        **“God of Grace and God of Glory” (v. 4)**

### POSTLUDE

Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

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

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wed. 09/10	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Thurs. 09/11	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting

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*“Love does  
no wrong to  
a neighbor; therefore,  
love is the fulfilling  
of the law.”*    Romans 13:10, NRSV

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