

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Fresh as each morning you come to us, Holy Lord. Your grace rests on us, waiting to be gathered, to become the bread of life. When we grumble, you give us the gospel; when we protest, you teach us songs of praise; when we utter laments, you fill us with God's laughter.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Steve Lowe

*INTROIT #664

"Morning Has Broken"

Farjeon, 1931

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

we are given enough joy to live each day.

In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

we are given enough compassion to use in service to our neighbors each day.

In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

we are given enough grace to share with others each day.

Our God is faithful.

*HYMN #396

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (v 1 – 3)

Atkins, 1819

CALL TO CONFESSION

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy 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

It seems we cannot decide, Merciful One. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him with us into our day. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (perhaps, for those who need it – but surely, not us). Forgive us, God of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whining, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. 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: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. In the name of the Son of God, we are forgiven!

God has kept the covenant. We still belong to God. We have been forgiven and we have been made new people. 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 #521

"In Remembrance of Me"
September Hymn of the Month

Chancel Choir

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16: 2-5, 11-24

Bibles, p. 60/LG. p.78

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Edwards, 1961

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20: 1-16

Bibles, p. 20/ LG. p. 26

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"It's Not About You"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely His property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from His comfort and from His direction in the expectation of His appearance. You

know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant." This we believe. Amen. - The Theological Declaration of Barmen 8.17 and 8.19

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #543 ***"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*** (v. 1-4) Colligan, 2004

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #543 ***"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*** (v. 5)

POSTLUDE Selected

(* Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sun. 09/21	Following Worship	Worship Meeting
Wed. 09/24	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Sat. 09/27	9:00-3:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting Longview FPC

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