

Service for the Lord's Day

Theological Sunday

September 28, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

. Mighty Sovereign, you brought creation into being through Christ, in Whom all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts through the witness of our lives. Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Candice Klein

*INTROIT #418 *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”* (v 1 & 2) Thompson, 1880

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we think God's job is to listen to our petty quarrels, God leans over, puts a finger to our lips, whispering, 'let me tell you a story.'

Rock Splitter, we worship you.

When we want to ask God all sorts of questions, and demand to see a background check, God embraces us, gently saying, 'I want you to meet some friends of mine.'

Leader and Example for us all, we worship you.

When we are burned out by our chronic anger, when our throats are parched by our litany of laments, God takes us by the hand, and invites us, 'let's go get a cold drink.'

In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God!

Amen.

*HYMN #521 *“In Remembrance of Me”* Courtney, 1972
September Hymn of the Month

CALL TO CONFESSION

All too often, we tell God we will *do* better, and *be* better, and then we just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment when we tell God of our failures and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in God's kingdom of grace. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Precious God of Mercy, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word.

We have neglected the poor and the weak. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Make us steadfast in faith, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. We are forgiven, we are made new.

In Jesus we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other. Thanks be to God!

*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

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:13-15 Bibles, p. 48/LG. p.62

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #440 *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”* Wesley, 1740

SECOND SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:15-20 Bibles, p. 188/ LG. p.244

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

SERMON *“Our Triune God”* Caleb Williams

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.” This we believe. Amen.

– The Confession of 1967 9.10

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #547 ***“Go, My children, with My Blessing”*** (v. 1 & 2) Thring, 1880

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #547 ***“Go, My children, with My Blessing”*** (v. 3)

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
Wed. 10/01	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Wed. 10/21	6:00 p.m.	Baked Potato Supper with Speaker

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He is before all things, & in him all things hold together.



Colossians 1:17

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