

# Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*You came, not to build a grand scheme, but to be our foundation of faith. You came, O Lord, for us.*

*Fill our worship with sighs more precious than all we value.*

*Fill our worship with your grace more precious than our deepest fears, God of Love.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE #515

***"I Come with Joy"***

Lovelace, 1977

*October Hymn of the Month*

WELCOME

Tom Laney

\*INTROIT #853

***"We Are Marching in the Light"***

Grindal, 1984

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From north and south, from east and west, we come.

***God's people called to the Table where loving grace nourishes us.***

From inside our town, from farms and ranches, from big city dwellers,

***God's people are called to community, where we love and serve one another.***

From every class, every race, every status; from students with technology at their fingertips, to elders with overflowing hearts:

***God's people are called to witness to God's hope, and offer peace to a shattered world.***

So let us come – let us come and worship.

***We have come to worship the Sovereign God.***

\*HYMN #451

***"Open My Eyes That I May See"***

Scott, 1895

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called this church are the heart of the gospel. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ. So let us confess our need, confident in God's forgiving 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

***God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It's easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all***

***need forgiveness. So we not only remember the victims of conflicts, but also those whom we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness. Enable us to build a society where all can belong. Guide us to share our gifts in mutual respect and to seek the new future which you offer us through Jesus the 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

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, and forgiving our sin. In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven!

***Loved, we are sent out to love others. Forgiven, we are freed to forgive. Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. 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.***

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ANTHEM

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Cindy Ratliff

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Bibles, p. 63/LG. p.82

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #521

***"In Remembrance of Me"***

Courtney, 1972

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21: 33-46

Bibles, p.22/ LG. p.29

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

***"A Landowner, a Vineyard, and Tenants"***

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How has Christ appointed bread and wine to be given and received in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

***"Christ has appointed the ministers of his Word in the administration of this sacrament of the***

