

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Holy One, each day you set before us a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Cindy Ratliff

\*INTROIT #503 *“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” (v 1)*

Green, 1977

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

You have been called to the banquet:

*This is the feast.*

You have been summoned to the wedding:

*This is the celebration of life and light.*

From the streets and byways, God has invited us:

*We have come to the banquet that has no end.*

\*HYMN #415 *“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”*

Hart, 1759

CALL TO CONFESSION

We will come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our sin and brokenness, available to the peace of promised forgiveness. Let us open our lives to God's 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

*You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail to do so. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we still neglect and abuse the gift. Forgive us, please, for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands and hearts to your will, so that all we do might give glory to 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

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears our plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, we are forgiven!

*For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, we will rejoice!*

\*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 #515

*"I Come With Joy"*  
*October Hymn of the Month*

Wren, 1968

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32: 1-14

Bibles, p. 75/LG. p.97

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #517

*“Here, O Our Lord, We See You” (v. 1, 2 & 5)*

Bonar, 1855

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22: 1-14

Bibles, p. 23/ LG. p.29

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*“Too Busy for a Party?”*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“Although religion is not bound to time, yet it cannot be cultivated and exercised without a proper distribution and arrangement of time. Every Church, therefore, chooses for itself a certain time for public prayers, and for the preaching of the Gospel, and for the celebration of the sacraments. And no one is permitted to overthrow this appointment of the Church at its own pleasure. For unless some due time and leisure is given for the outward exercise of*

