

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2015

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*It doesn't matter how wary we are of you, Holy Sovereign, you remove our doubts and accept us as we are.
No matter how often we ignore your words, please whisper to us until we listen with eager hope.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Sally Hosea

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

*INTROIT #177

“I Will Come to You” (1&4)

Haas, 1991

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Young or old, slow or fast; tall or small, know-it-alls or eager learners –
Wonder of wonders! God has called each of us here.
Wrinkled, white-haired, stooped with age, bright-eyed, smooth skinned, dancers through life –
Wonder of wonders! Each of us is made in God's image.
Disciples volunteering, kids playing tag, workers stocking shelves, retirees planning trips –
Wonder of wonders! God works through each of us.
Methodists, Episcopalians, Catholics, Presbyterians –
Wonder of wonders! God calls each of us to worship today!

*HYMN# 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Bode, 1866

CALL TO CONFESSION

We break our word – God knows; we hurt another – God knows; we ignore the needy – God knows. God also knows the sins we try to hide, even from ourselves. Let us confess to the One who has called us and will save us and make us whole. 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

How foolish we are to think we can hide our failings from you, Perfect God. We treat our bodies as trash cans for junk food, not as sanctuaries for your Spirit. We doze under the tree of temptation, hoping you won't see us and expect us to get up and follow you. Forgive us, Holy Sovereign. Your grace mends our brokenness, making us whole; your compassion removes our sin, making us new; your voice speaks tenderly, silencing our

pride; your Love is made human in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, redeeming our lives. And so we pray in his name. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In front of us, behind us, to our right, and our left: look! God is there! In our past, still today, and forever in the future: look! God is there! In the shadows, in the light, in the fog, in the sun: look! God is there! Our merciful God is forever there to forgive us again.

From the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the seas; in the morning, in the evening, in every moment: God is with us! Loving us all the way home. 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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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51

Bibles, p. 87 / LG. p. 112

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #171

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills ”

Horman, 2003

January Hymn of the Month

SECOND SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 3: 1-10

Bibles, p. 236 / LG. p. 306

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Does God Know Me?”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.” This we believe. Amen.

– A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4

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