

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2015

Worship the Lord with all your heart in the company of the redeemed

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Gentle Spirit, when we cannot see the way, you take us by the hand so we can step forward, in faith.
Fill us now with hope, so we can sing God's joy this whole day. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Sally Hosea

*INTROIT #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation" (v. 1)

Green, 1970

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The church is the place where the broken gather.

Let us worship the One who reconciles us to one another and to God.

The church is the place where sinners are welcome.

Let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into new people.

The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten, the ignored gather.

Let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love. Let us worship our God!

*HYMN #714

"God of the Fertile Field"

Giardini, 1769

CALL TO CONFESSION

Why is it so easy to boast of our achievements, yet so hard to humbly come to God with the mistakes we make? This is the place where we stand in the presence of the Almighty who longs to shape us into new people. So, let us confess, 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

We confess, Faithful Lord, that we sometimes ask about someone's background only to see if they are like us, while you look at where their heart is grounded. We examine another's good looks or athletic prowess, while you take notice of how they reach out to those who are different. We gaze at the size of another's house or car or portfolio to judge how successful they are, while you observe whether or not they have faith the size of a mustard seed. Forgive us, Anointing God, for looking at those around us with human eyes, and not seeing them as loved people created in your image. As you shape us into new people, give us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen to the good news. No longer must we walk the old paths of sin and death. Christ has come to take our old ways on himself, and to fill us with new life in God.

Now, we know we are forgiven. Now, we know we are at peace. Now, we can step forward in faith, to live with our glorious God, forever! 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

I Samuel 15:34-16:13

Bibles, p.248 / LG. p. 322

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #614

*"Great Are You, Lord"
June Hymn of the Month*

Smith, 1982

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34

Bibles, p.36 / LG. p. 47

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Seed"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people." This we believe. Amen.

— The Confession of 1967 9.08

