

Service for the Lord's Day

Men of the Church Sunday

June 21, 2015

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

When we doubted anything good might come of humility and sacrifice, Christ called us to follow him. When he could have shunned the cross, he said, "here I am," and defeated sin and death as he was raised, while glorifying you. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Hillin

*INTROIT #614

"Great Are You, Lord"

Smith, 1982

June Hymn of the Month

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The world's human community began with one man. The redemption of humanity was wrought by one man.

Today, we celebrate the contributions of strong, godly men to our community.

We celebrate men who, with the wisdom of **Solomon**, seek God's perfect plan for their lives and the lives they influence.

We appreciate men who, with the spirit of David, seek repentance, as men after God's own heart.

We acknowledge men who, with the obedience of **Abraham**, follow God's direction, shape the lives of their families, and ultimately change the world.

We honor men who, like Peter, are fallible yet passionate about serving the Lord and fervently building his Kingdom.

As **Joseph** cared for his father and brothers, we care for the men of our community by generously sharing our resources, our time, and our unconditional love.

We pray for men who have the inner and outward strength of Samson, but have lost their way.

We're grateful for men who, like the apostle **Paul**, teach us Christian principles and values.

Today, we celebrate men who strive in all things to be like Jesus, exhibiting his character and his love.

*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 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

God of David, we sometimes hear booming voices deriding our faith. We want to be brave for you, but we are not. We want to trust in the gifts you have given us, but we do not. We back away, mumbling excuses. Have mercy on us, Mighty One. Give us courage to step forward as your people, trusting in your power working within us. Then strengthen our voices to proclaim your praise. 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, to our left: look! God is there! In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future: look! God is there! In the shadows, in the light: look! God is there!

From the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the seas; in the morning, in the darkness, in every moment: God is with us! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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

HYMN #370

"This is My Father's World"

Babcock, 1901

Men's Chorus

FIRST SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 3:1-10

Bibles, p.236 / LG. p. 306

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #738

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Smith, 1874

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 1:35-45

Bibles, p.87 / LG. p. 112

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Ah, Men”

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

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” (v 1 – 4)

Bell, 1987

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” (v 5)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

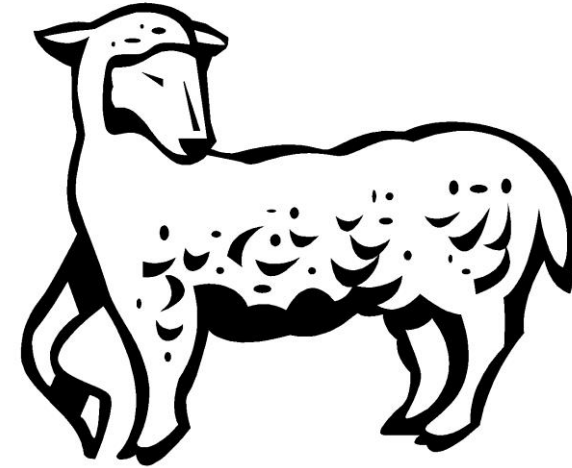
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“Look, here
is the Lamb
of God!”

John 1:36, NRSV

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