

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2015

As we enter, may we be reminded, "Surely the Lord is in this place."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Lord use us to build a holy place where healing and caring and joy
Blend with the voices of worship, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Tieken

*INTROIT #337

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (v.1)

Smith, 1831

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us to this place. What do you see here?

We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.

God has brought us to this place. What do you hear here?

We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.

God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do here?

We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God's name! Let us worship our God!

*HYMN #337

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (v.2-4)

Smith, 1831

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purposes. Our loving God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness, so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. So, let us confess our sins in front of God and each other. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Revealing God, in words of ancient scripture we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our own failings. We speak words which hurt the very life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, while ignoring their needs. Forgive us, Loving Sovereign. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us.

Teach us to set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; to stop licking at our hurts, and to bring healing to others. Help us learn to reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed through 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

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us. In Jesus the Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Recreated in God's image, we are made whole. We will go forth and live as reconciled people. 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

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"& "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Cindy Ratliff

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Bibles, p. 681 /LG. p. 887

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #508

"Come to the Table"

Lee, 2007

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Bibles, p. 38 / LG. p. 50

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Jesus, the Celebrity"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. We believe that 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." This, we believe. Amen.

– The Confession of 1967 9.08

