

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2015

Take time to move from "out there" with its worries and concerns, its temptations and tears to "in here" where the Lord promises grace and mercy – forever.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

O Lord, grant that we may be strengthened by your Spirit, and that you may accomplish within us far more than all we ever ask or imagine. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Sally Hosea

HEIFER MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lynn Tieken

*INTROIT #701

"Lord, Prepare Me"

Scruggs, 1982

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

and restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

*HYMN #353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1-2)

Mote, 1834

CALL TO CONFESSION

For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16,17)

Let us confess our need for God's saving love

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you and I are forgiven!

*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

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Bibles, p.174/ LG. p. 226

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #837

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Hoffman, 1887

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Judges 6: 33-40

Bibles, p.213 / LG. p. 277

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Strength from Weakness"

Rev. Deborah Tipps

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting." This we believe. Amen.

-The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #700 ***“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (v. 1-3)*** Whalum, 1984

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #548 ***“May God Support You All Your Days” (v. 1)*** Bristol, 1962

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Rev. Deborah Tipps is the Associate Pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Henderson. She is primarily responsible for caring ministries, and ministry with children. Debbie received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1984 from The University of Texas at Arlington, and her Master of Divinity degree in 2013 from Perkin’s School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Debbie was commissioned by the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2013, and is looking forward to being ordained an elder in full connection in 2017. Debbie and her husband, Woodie Tipps live in Henderson with their daughters Annabelle (age 14) and Mary Margaret (age 11). Please welcome Deborah from FUMC to the Henderson pulpit!

This week’s prayers and concerns: the family of Peggy Morgan, Carolyn Boren, Jane & Tolly Dill, Bob Ratliff and Cindy, Debbie Murphy, Jack Clark, and traveling mercies for Kathy and Candice as they attend the Presbyterian conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

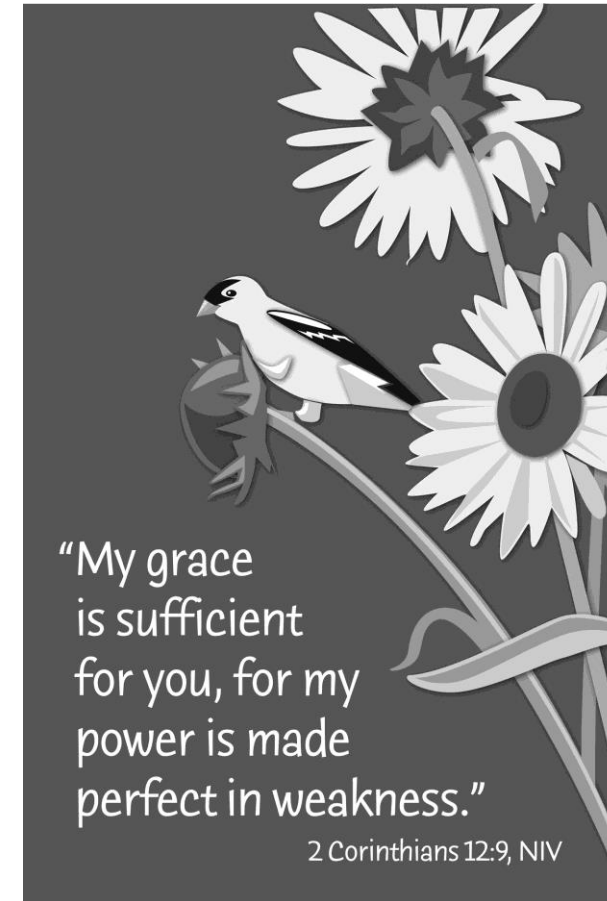
Wed. 8/05	Worship Meeting	6:30pm
Thur. 8/06	C.E. Meeting	2:00pm
Sun. 8/09	Communion	

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