Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2015

May thanksgiving be on my lips in every moment.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Draw us close, O Lord, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, and the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, and peace.

Gathering

PRELUDE Selected

WELCOME Rev. Candice L. Klein

*INTROIT #12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (v.1)

Smith, 1867

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw near to God, as God draws near to you.

Surely, God is our helper; the Lord is the upholder of our lives.

We are welcomed by the One who sent The Son of Man, servant and savior of all.

Let us, as God's children, lean into God's warm embrace—let us worship and adore the Holy One!

*HYMN #12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hear the word of God through the prophet Isaiah: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before me; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors, confident in God's steadfast love.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you give us life, even though we sin. We harbor conflicts and disputes among us; we hate one another and comply with evils that kill both bodies and spirits; we ask for the wrong things in the wrong ways. We argue who's the greatest when you ask us to welcome the least of these. Therefore, O Lord, we confess our sins, that we may renounce evil and turn to you with openness. We draw near to you, O Lord, for we know that you draw near to us. 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! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Praise 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.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 1 Bibles, p. 463 /LG. p. 602

HYMN #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" Maule, 1987

SECOND SCRIPTURE Mark 9: 30-37 Bibles, p. 42 / LG. p. 55

The Word of God, for the People of God Thanks be to God

SERMON "Great. That's Just Great." Gary Mathews

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)

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CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #401 *"Here in This Place" (v.1-3)*

Haugen, 1979

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #401 "Here in This Place" (v.4)

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses.

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This week's prayers and concerns: Tolly and Jane Dill, Diane Dill, Jack Clark, Debbie Murphy, Cindy Ratliff, Jack Gray, the Building Commission as they make decisions about this worship space, the Personnel Committee in search of an organist, and the CONC searching for leaders for 2016.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Mon. 09/21	Adopt-A-Block	4:30pm
Mon. 09/28	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Thur. 10/01	Presbytery Meeting	Ft. Worth
Sat. 10/03	Blessing of the Animals	12:00pm

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Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.



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