Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015

Enter in humility. For this is God's House.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Jesus, keep us from becoming a stumbling block. Help us to be salt and to be at peace with God and neighbor. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE Selected

WELCOME Bert Lowe

"In My Life" (v.1) Kilpatrick, 1978 *INTROIT #468

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.

What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others? God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.

What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts. For both the stranger and the guest,

The Lord prepares a table. We have come to worship this God!

*HYMN #645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v.1-3)

Bell, 1906

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes our words and actions show how we are salt for the world. But then come those moments when we lose our flavor and our way. Let us confess our sins to our God, so we might be restored and forgiven. 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

Called to be your people, Living God - why do we find it so hard to answer that call? You ask us to speak out against injustice, and we whisper because we are afraid someone might hear us. You ask us to see the pain and poverty around us, but we close our eyes, so we won't have to look. You tell us that everyone, and each one, is created in your image, yet we persist in noticing the differences between us and others. Forgive us, Holy God. May we be the ones who go out into the world, bearing your gifts of peace, of hope, of healing, of joy to every one who is broken, even as we have been made whole through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us." Kyrie Eleison

#580

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Touched by the healing hands of our Lord, filled with the grace of our God, led by the compassion of the Spirit, our hearts are opened and we discover we are forgiven and at peace with God. God's mercy is ours!

We were created to love the unlovable; we were created to bear our Lord's grace; we were created to embrace God's people. So, we receive forgiveness, giving thanks 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.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Bibles, p. 124 /LG. p. 161

> Thanks be to God The Word of the Lord

HYMN #471 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Berthier, 1982

SECOND SCRIPTURE Mark 9: 38-50 Bibles, p. 42 / LG. p. 55

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

"Salty or Sweet?" **SERMON** Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." This we believe. Amen.

— The Nicene Creed

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (v.1&2) Haydn, 1797

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (v.3)

POSTLUDE Selected

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

This week's prayers and concerns: Tolly and Jane Dill, Diane Dill, Jack Clark, Syble DeLoach, Debbie Murphy, Bob and Cindy Ratliff, Jack Gray, the Personnel Committee in search of an organist, the CONC searching for leaders for 2016 and the Building Commissioners as they work to create sacred worship space.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Mon. 09/28	Pipeline Deadline	
Mon. 09/28	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Thur. 10/01	Presbytery Meeting	Fort Worth
Sat. 10/03	Blessing of the Animals	12:00pm
Sun. 10/04	World Communion Sunday	_

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