

Service for the Lord's Day

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday

October 25, 2015

Enter this place in reverence. For this is God's House.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*In the hospitality of Zacchaeus, we see your openness for all who are different;
In his transformation we see your grace which is prepared also for us.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Tieken

*INTROIT #2

"Come, Thou Almighty King" (v.1)

Giardini, 1769

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe

standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.

We gather in faith,

trusting that the One who has held little children holds our lives in the heart of God.

We gather in need,

seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.

We gather together,

worshipping the One who is our foundation in time, our present love, our eternal joy!

*HYMN #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Heber, 1827

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God of mercy hears our cries. Let us confess our failings and needs to each other and to the One who commands us to come and be changed and healed. Let us confess, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you know us so well. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. Forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to ourselves, to others and to your earth. Forgive us for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what

is most nourishing because you have designed it for us. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, the One who created you and maintains your every breath calls you to receive mercy and be forgiven. Receive God's gifts so that from this day forward your path may be strong and free, in the name of the God of Always!

The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. The Lord has again forgiven us. We are blessed of 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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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1:1-2, 2:1-2

Bibles, p.821 /LG. p.1066

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #468

"In My Life"

Kilpatrick, 1978

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

Bibles, p.77/ LG. p.100

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards in the church, subject to the authority of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, as the Scriptures bear witness to him. No one type of confession is exclusively valid, no one statement is irreformable. Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church and supplies the continuity of its tradition. This obedience is the ground of the church's duty and freedom to reform itself in life and doctrine as new occasions, in God's providence, may demand." This, we believe.

- The Confession of 1967 9.03

