

Service for the Lord's Day

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May 29, 2016

Leave the outside, outside. Come now to sacred space and offer praise to the Creator.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Composer of Creation, Liberator of our lives, Spirit of grace,
God in Community, Holy in One, to you be the blessings and glory forever. Amen*

Gathering

PRELUDE

*“Festive Voluntary”
“The Star Spangled Banner”*

arr. Lau
arr. Key/Smith

WELCOME

Tom Laney

*INTROIT #327 *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (v.1)*

Watts, 1719

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord in holy splendor. Tremble before God, all the earth.

Highest heavens, be glad! Widest earth, rejoice!

Mighty waters, shout your praise! Forests and fields, sing for joy!

God of glory, God of grace, your Son is Savior of all creation!

The Lord is coming to judge the earth, with equity and strength,

With righteousness and truth.

The Lord is coming to judge the earth, and will declare God's glory among the nations.

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

*HYMN #340

“This Is My Song”

Sibelius, 1899

CALL TO CONFESSION

We walk through our day, convinced we can make it on our own, and we are too busy for God. But when we look at our mistakes, the words we wish we could take back, the hurts we long to heal, we know we must confess, so God can forgive us and wrap us in steadfast love. So let us confess now. 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

Jehovah God, as Jesus found faith in a centurion of Capernaum, give us such faith in you today. We confess that although you stand as our all-powerful God, we are too often lured

away by other powers. You offer to help, heal, and guide us, yet we want to rely on our own efforts. Forgive us, O Lord. Set us free from the idols of our culture. Reveal your path for us, so we may know it and follow you, wherever you want us to journey. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God comes, not to punish, not to condemn, but to judge – with that righteousness which brings redemption, with that truth which sets us free. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!

Let it be known this day. The Lord indeed is God, who brings forgiveness and hope to all people. Glory to God! Thanks be to God! Glory 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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Proclaiming

CHORAL ANTHEM

“My Savior's Love”

arr. Campbell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

I Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43

Bibles, p.297/LG. p.387

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Gladden, 1879

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 7: 1-10

Bibles, p.61/ LG. p.79

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“What Happens in Capernaum, Stays in Capernaum”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between all peoples and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and

