

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

Come in and Worship God!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Gathering

PRELUDE "As Jesus Hung Upon the Cross" J.S. Bach

WELCOME Tom Laney

*INTROIT #45 "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes" (v.1) Psalter, 1615

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not neglect to show hospitality,
for there may be angels among us.

The exalted will be made humble,
and the humble will be exalted.

The Lord be with you!
And also with you.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Williams, 1762

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and in penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first in Unison, then in silence) This morning, we will confess our sin together, followed by a silent prayer of confession, and then you will be asked to sing the response. That confessional response can be found in your hymnal, # 582. Let us pray together:

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We stake out positions of privilege and push aside the oppressed. We seek the favor of the powerful and refuse to

welcome the poor. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us your way of mutual love and hospitality to all, so that we may dwell in your house; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Hear the good news and believe that in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven. Your sins are washed away. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun."

*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.* #580

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Bibles, p.213/LG. p.276
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Hatch, 1878

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 14:1, 7-14 Bibles, p.72/ LG. p.94
The Word of God, for the People of God *Thanks be to God*

SERMON "Honoring Humility" Rev. Gordon N. Blackman, Jr.

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others. Amen.

– Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *“Prayers of the People (Responsive) and Lord’s Prayer (Unison)*

Leader: God our savior,

People: hear our prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. “

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“The Mountains Shall Sing”* Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #767 *“Together We Serve” (v.1-3)* Damon, 1996

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #767 *“Together We Serve” (v.4)*

POSTLUDE *“A Trumpeting”* Dale Wood

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

This week’s prayers and concerns: Jack Clark, Syble & Tom DeLoach, Tolly Dill and family, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy & Bob Ratliff, Sue Williams, Dr. David Craig.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 08/28 Sanctuary Dedication 2:00pm

Pastor: Rev. Candice L. Klein 903-392-8443 fpchendersonrev@aol.com
Church Secretary: Lisa Temple Director of Music: Mark Reeves, CAGO
Custodian: Bob Schauwecker Nursery Attendant: Martha Baughman

**JESUS CHRIST is the same
YESTERDAY and TODAY
and FOREVER.**



Hebrews 13:8, NIV

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