

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

Remember the Sabbath and Keep It Holy.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Eternal God our Potter, you set a Table for us when our souls are hungry, and our hearts are hollow.  
Help us to know, to love, and to praise you. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*“Prelude on SOUTHWELL”*  
*“Lord, I Look to Thee”*

Peterson  
Paxton

WELCOME

Bill Stanley

\*INTROIT #744

*“Arise, Your Light Is Come!” (v.1&4)*

Duck, 1974

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of God,  
*who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep,  
and in all the moments in between.*

We gather in the house of God,  
*who has created a family for us,  
here as well as in Egypt, in Brussels, and in Henderson, TX, too.*

We gather to be the people of God,  
*who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.*

\*HYMN #645

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

Cox, 1864

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sins are not to be hidden from God. Rather, we bring them into the Light and lay them on the Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness will transform and make us whole. So let us confess our individual and corporate sin as we pray, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Shepherd God, we are so attached to ourselves, we seldom see others all around us. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those close by. We are so stuck*

*on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows. Merciful God, loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

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

Kyrie Eleison

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who calls us is the God who created us. The God who created us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News – we are God's new creation, and in the name of the Son, we are forgiven.

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven. Thanks be 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

ANTHEM

*“Come to Me, All Who Labor”*

John Purifoy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Bibles, p.545/LG. p.710

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #516

*“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”*

Benson, 1924

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Bibles, p.677/ LG. p.881

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*“The Potter, the Clay, and the Pot”*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“It pleased God, in the eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, the only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and humanity – the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of his Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world. By the Son, we are redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.” This, we believe. Amen.*

– The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.042

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Song 67” (Gibbons)* H. Willan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

*Sending*

\*HYMN #825 *“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” (v.1-3)* Dett, 1936

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #825 *“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” (v.4)*

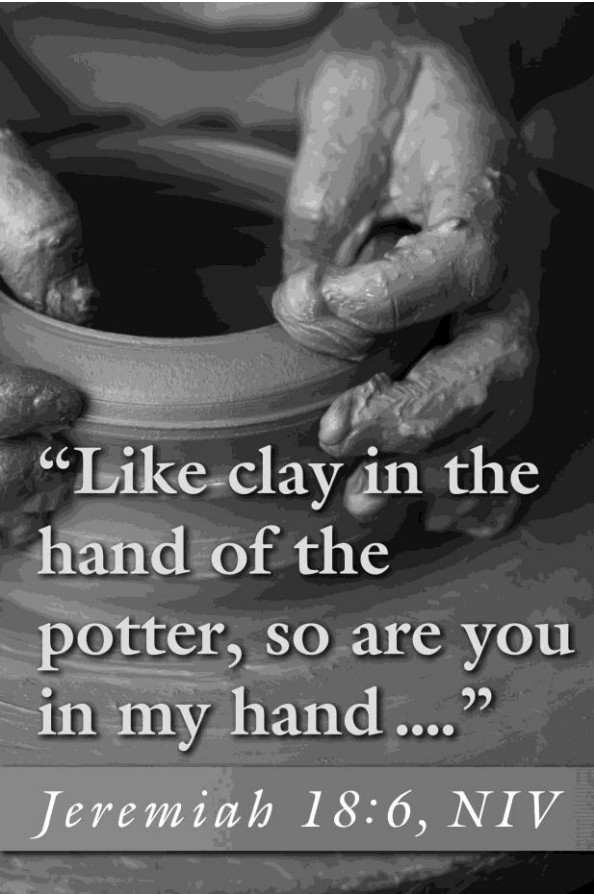
POSTLUDE *“Prelude in Bb”* J.S. Bach  
(\* ) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 09/05 Church Offices Closed  
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