

Service for the Lord's Day

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2016

The Lord Is Our Hope and Our Strength.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*In the hospitality of Zacchaeus, we see your openness for all who are different.
In the grumbling of his neighbors, we hear the echoes of our prejudices and fears.
In his transformation, we see your grace which is prepared for us all. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

*"Preamble"
"A Meditation"*

L. Verne
Cook

WELCOME

Dr. John Bruce Hillin

*INTROIT #409

"God Is Here!" (v.1)

Green, 1979

*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 held little children still 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 all creation.
We gather in worship this sacred Lord's Day morning
blessing the One True God, who alone is worthy of worship and awe.

*HYMN #828

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Prentiss, 1856

CALL TO CONFESSION

How patient is God! We run around trying to do everything our way, and God just waits. We try to buy life and happiness, and God waits. We hurt others and walk away from those in need, and God waits. God waits, and upon hearing our heartfelt prayers and cries for help, God touches us with forgiveness and new life. Let us make a confession to Almighty God, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Surrounded by so many seductions, Enduring God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives.

Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for help, Dear Sovereign; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint – we are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be. In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven.
Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we brought home; longing to serve, we are sent forth in the name of the Lamb of God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Yes, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 119:137-147

Bibles, p.538/LG. p.700

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #358

"Steal Away"

African American Spiritual

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

"He was Short in Stature"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our

faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.” This, we believe. Amen.

– A Brief Statement of Faith 10.1 & 10.4

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“The King of Life My Shepherd Is”* G. Martin

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #347 *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* (v.1-3) Moultrie, 1864

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #347 *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* (v.4)

POSTLUDE *“Tocatta in D minor”* J.S. Bach

(* Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Robbie Brooks, MaryAnn Chapman, Fonta Conway, Syble & Tom DeLoach, Tolly Dill, Debbie Murphy, Cindy & Bob Ratliff, Sue Williams and Dr. David Craig.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 11/06

All Saints Sunday

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Communion

Choir Practice Thur. 11/03 at 5:00pm

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