

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Wise and Loving God, thank you for freeing us from the past.  
Lead us on toward your purpose for our lives. Amen.

## Gathering

PRELUDE

“Safe in His Arms”  
“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Birchwood  
arr. Sewell

WELCOME

James Nicholson

\*INTROIT #308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins” (v.1)

Daw Jr., 1990

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Like a seed planted in good soil,  
*The word of God does not return empty.*  
Let anyone with ears listen!  
*The word of God will bear good fruit.*  
Let us worship the God of all abundant growth  
*We will open our mouths in praise that we may bear fruit in every season.*

\*HYMN #308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins” (v.2-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION  
We no longer regard one another from a human point of view, for Christ has died for all, to save us from sin and death. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin, first silently then together.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
*O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We have not prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word. We allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplish all that you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit, to the glory*

*of your name. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25:19-34

Bibles, p.20/LG. p.26

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN (see insert)

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Green, 1970

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Bibles, p.13/LG. p.16

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Create In Me”

Jen Mitchell

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
In whom do we trust?  
*We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcast and sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and*

evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

“Pastorale”

Giuseppe Sammartini

—A Brief Statement of Faith

Sending

\*HYMN #539

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #539

POSTLUDE

“We Will Go Out with Joy” (v.1&2)

“We Will Go Out with Joy” (v.3)

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Donaldson, 2003

arr. Wagner

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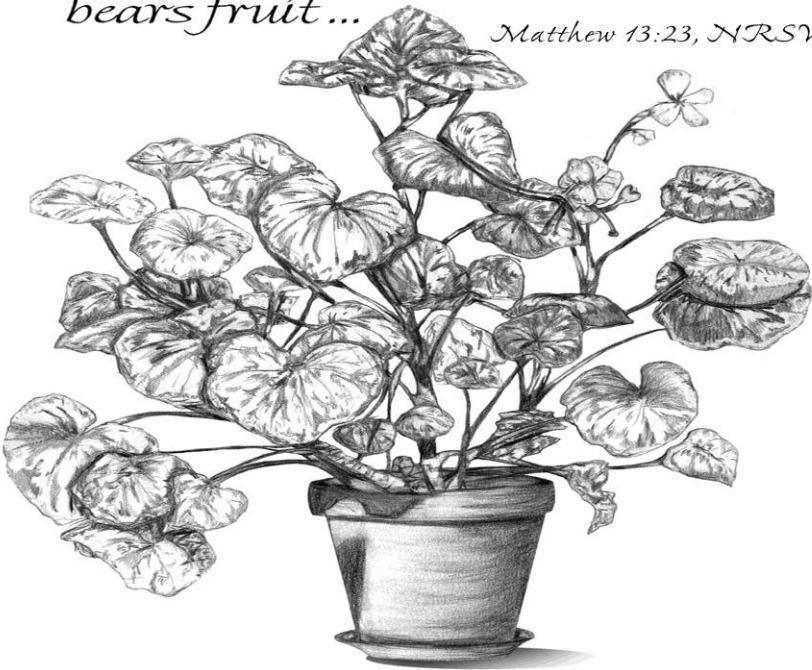
This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 07/17	Adopt-A-Block	4:30pm
Wed. 07/19	McAllen Mission Trip Dinner	5:30pm
Thur. 07/20	L.E.A.N. Meeting	2:00pm

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit ...

Matthew 13:23, NRSV



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