

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

God works for the good of those who love him.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Search me, O Lord, and know my heart; and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

*"I will serve the Lord"
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

Ritter
C. Smith

WELCOME

Kelly Weaver

*INTROIT #363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" (v.1)

Wesley, 1746

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of strife, God is with us!

Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God. AMEN.

*HYMN #363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor; first, silently, then with the unison prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. Forgive that which we have done and that which we have left undone. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. 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's seeds of love have already been sown in your midst. Come and see the love of God outpoured for you. You are God's beloved ones. Come, live in the light of God. Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ you 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

Romans 8:12-28

Bibles, p.147/LG. p.191

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Mote, 1834

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Bibles, p.14/LG. p.17

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Mysterious Harvest of God"

Dr. Bill Holda

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life; social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation. Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. "Now to him who by

the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

—The Confession of 1967

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Prayer"

Broughton

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #365

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"

Morgan, 1995

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go into God's world with confidence and hope.

God's presence is with us in all that we do.

Be those people who plant seeds of comfort and hope.

God will bring about the harvest in due time.

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You and May You Go in Peace!

Amen.

*RESPONSE #545

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

Quinn, SJ, 1969

POSTLUDE

"Glorious things of Thee are Spoken"

Hughes

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Dr. Bill Holda is a native of Lafayette, Indiana. Following the completion of his Masters in Music at Indiana University in 1975, Dr. Holda was hired to teach music at Kilgore College. He has been active in music ministry for over 40 years in the East Texas area to a large variety of churches. Dr. Holda was ordained a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church in 1982 and was active in ministry for 20 years. His recent 20-year tenure as the President of Kilgore College limited some of his ministerial activity; however, now in retirement, he is providing pulpit supply and pastoral ministry to the First Presbyterian Church, Kilgore while they search for a permanent pastor, as well as preaching and music ministry to a variety of other church congregations. Dr. Holda and his wife, Scotti Wood, are the parents to six children.

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. 07/24

Pipeline Deadline

For in this
HOPE
we were
SAVED.

Romans 8:24



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