

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2017

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (each person prays silently)

Dear God of the ages, give us grace to live every day confident that you are trustworthy and always present with us. Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE “O Savior Sweet, O Savior Kind” J.S. Bach/arr. Blake Young
“Prelude in Classic Style”

WELCOME Lynn Tieken

*INTROIT #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (v.1, 4 & 5) Grant, 1833

*CALL TO WORSHIP
The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord. Come, let us praise God together!

*HYMN #494 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Palmer, 1858

CALL TO CONFESSION
The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another. First, silently, then together.

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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? No one but Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; behold, a new life is begun. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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.* #580

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-5 Bibles, p.644/LG. p.838
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” North, 1903

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:13-21 Bibles, p.15/ LG. p.19
The Word of God, for the People of God *Thanks be to God*

SERMON “Needy People” Rev. Pamela Leach

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.
– Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Chorale Prelude 'BEDFORD'"* Healey Willan

PRAAYER 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 #498 *“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”* Stuempfle Jr., 2005

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #498 *“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” (v.1&4)*

POSTLUDE *“Whoever Lets Our Dear God Rule”* J.S. Bach

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week's prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Sue Williams, the family of Dorothy Barry, and the family of Alicia Rich.

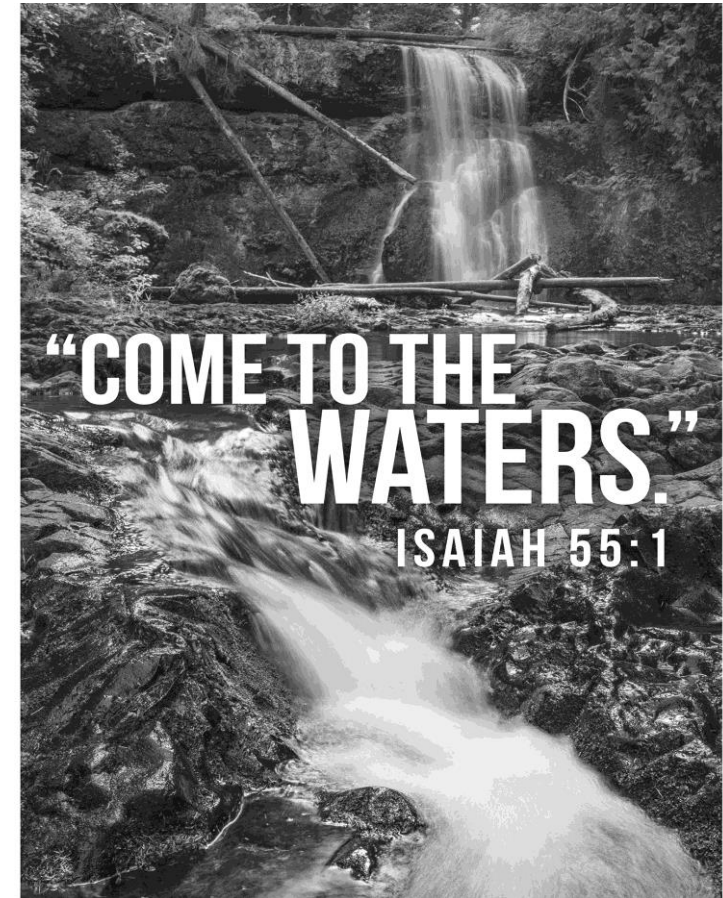
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 08/13

Worship Team Meeting

following service



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