

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Heavenly Father, help us to understand scripture so that we can proclaim the gospel. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”  
“Lord, I want to be a Christian”*

arr. Birchwood  
arr. Colvin

WELCOME

Lsha Stanley

\*INTROIT 718

*“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” (v.1)*

Everest, 1833

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

***Praise the Lord!***

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

***Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN #718

*“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” (v.2-4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good so that all people might be saved from sin. Let us then confess our need for grace, confident of God's forgiveness. Let us pray silently, and follow with our Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***Thanks be to God.***

\*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”*

arr. Purifoy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15

Bibles, p.48/LG. p.62

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #724

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

Bode, 1866

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21

Bibles, p.151/LG. p.197

The Word of God, for the People of God

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

*“There's a Moses in Each of Us”*

Rev. Jimmie Reese

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.” This, we believe. Amen*** —The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“May You be Praised, Jesus Christ”* J.S. Bach

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #14 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (v.1-3) Pierpoint, 1864

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #14 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (v.4&5)

POSTLUDE *“When I Can Read My Title Clear”* arr. Campfield

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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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, Sue Williams, and those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mon. 09/04 Church Offices Closed in Observation of Labor Day  
Sun. 09/10 Hymn Sing Worship Service

**“Remove the sandals**

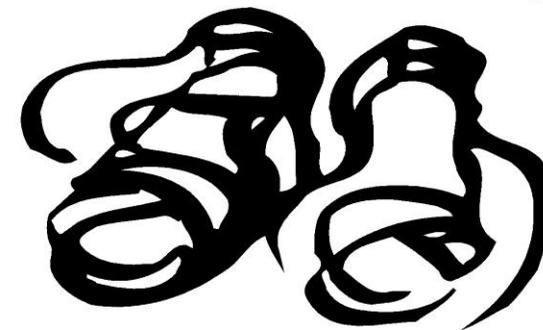
**from your feet,**

**for the place on which**

**you are standing**

**is holy ground.”**

Exodus 3:5, NRSV



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