

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the saints.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Help us respond to your call to serve, Lord, and remind us that interruptions can bring us closer to you. Give us faith to trust in your plans and provision. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*Fantasy on "AZMON"*

Glaser/Reeves

WELCOME

Kathy Porter

\*INTROIT #722

*"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"*

Havergal, 1872

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful, for the Lord takes pleasure in people.

Let the faithful sing for joy.

HYMN SING

White Booklet

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor, first silently, and then together in the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly*

*strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's 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

Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. Gathered in Christ's name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life. 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

HYMN SING

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:8-14

Bibles, p.152/LG. p.197

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Psalms 119:33-40

Bibles, p.535/LG. p.697

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

REFLECTION

*"Desiring God, God's Ways, and God's Words"*

Lynn Tiekens

*(based on post by Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III)*

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*In a broken and fearful world the Holy Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice,*

*freedom, and peace.*

– A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4,65-71. Book of Confessions

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Duet”* Colvin

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN SING Cream Booklet

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #641 *“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”* Green, 1972

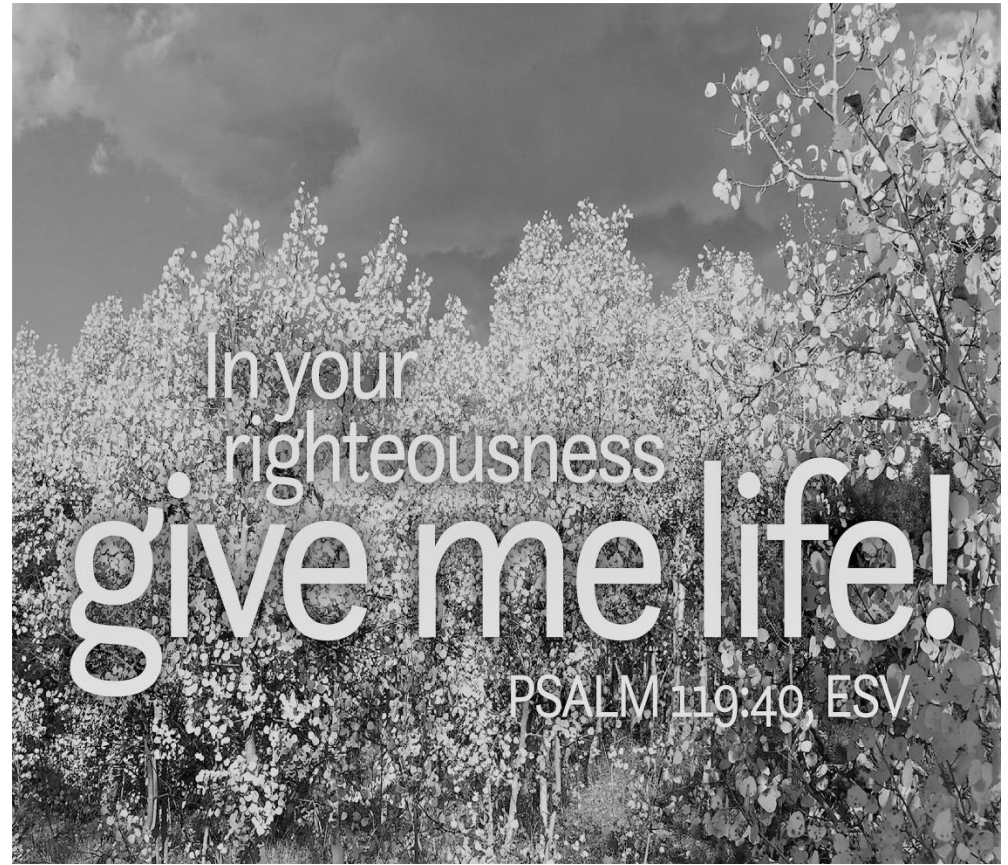
POSTLUDE *“Toccata on Engelberg”* Callahan

(\* ) 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, and those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Thur. 09/14	Christian Education Meeting	10:00am
Sat. 09/16	Fellowship Dinner & Play	

Church Secretary: Lisa Temple    Director of Music: Mark Reeves, CAGO  
Custodian: Bob Schauwecker    Nursery Attendant: Martha Baughman



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