

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Loving God, teach us to make time for you in our lives. You are our hope and salvation. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Pastorale”
“Chorale Prelude on NICAEA”

Wood
Willan

WELCOME

Cody Conway

*INTROIT #402

“How Lovely, Lord” (v.1)

Duba, 1984

*CALL TO WORSHIP
I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me.
And let us exalt his name together! To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN #402

“How Lovely, Lord” (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION
The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now to confess all that separates you from others and from God.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?
Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.
In 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

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Fount”

Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 80:7-15 (NIV)

Pew Bibles, p.511/LG. p.665

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Smith, 1867

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-44 (NIV)

Pew Bibles, p.22/LG. p.29

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“God’s Sharecroppers”

Dr. Sharon Templeman

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 on the right hand of God the Father

– *The Apostles' Creed*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Thur. 10/19	L.E.A.N. Meeting	2:00pm
Thur. 10/19	Session Meeting	6:30pm

