

# Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Help us to 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

*“Let the Lower Lights Be Burning”  
“The Call of the Trumpets”*

arr. Livingston Purcell

WELCOME

James Nicholson

\*INTROIT #81

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”* (v.1)

Newton, 1775

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in God's holy presence, to worship the One who showers us with grace.  
*This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.*  
We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for all, and especially for the least of our world.  
*This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.*  
We give thanks to God for unceasing grace. We remember God's persistence in saving us.  
*This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives. We worship God today.*

\*HYMN #81

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”* (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our humanity, open to the peace of promised forgiveness. Let us pray, first silently, then with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.*

*Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven! For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!  
*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

Psalm 99

Bibles, p.522/LG. p.678

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #707

*“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”*

Foulkes, 1920

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:15-22

Bibles, p.23/LG. p.30

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*“Coin Trick?”*

Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Q. 155 How is the Word made effectual to salvation?*  
*Answer: The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners, of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ, of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will, of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them*

up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

– The Larger Catechism 7.265

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “The Way of Peace” Birchwood

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

\*HYMN #343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (v.1&2) North, 1903

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (v.5&6)

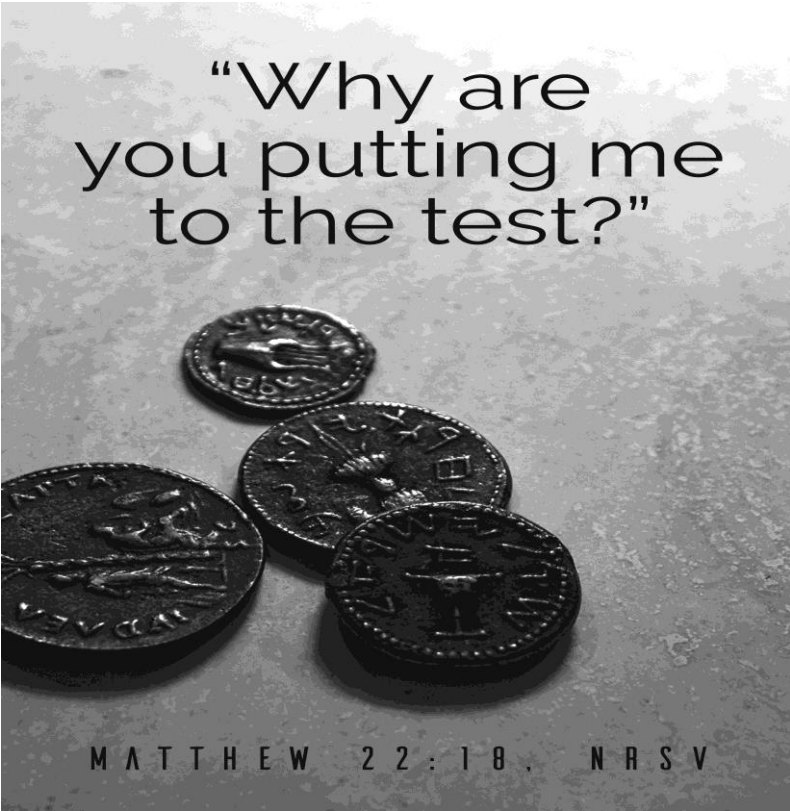
POSTLUDE “Glory Be to God on High” Paxton  
(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Dorothy Maloney, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Mark Reeves, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



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