

# Service for the Lord's Day

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

We are united in Christ.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Here we are, Lord, your people. Though we are sometimes foolish, though we go astray and don't always seek after you, we are still here, and we are still your people. Be with us in this time of worship, and teach us to call on you. Help us to pursue your righteousness, and to know that deliverance comes from you. Let us feel the stirrings of your Spirit this and every day. Amen.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

**"Dwell, Spirit, in Our Hearts"  
"In Heavenly Love Abiding"**

Shea  
arr. Kendall

### WELCOME

John Tieken

### \*INTROIT #633

**"Praise Ye the Lord" (v.1)**

Cleveland, 1981

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of meaninglessness,  
**You call us to meaning, O God.**

In the midst of divisiveness,  
**You call us to community through Christ.**

Out of our brokenness,

**You call us to wholeness and new life in the Spirit.**

In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

### \*HYMN #633

**"Praise Ye the Lord" (v.2-4)**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The God who is always present invites us to open our hearts and be honest in our conversations as we come to this place of prayer.

### SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear us! From the desire to be esteemed,  
**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire to be honored, from the desire to be praised,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire to be preferred to others, from the desire to be approved,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being humiliated, from the fear of being disliked,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being laughed at, from the fear of being wronged,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

Jesus, grant me the grace to rejoice when others may be esteemed more than I, when others may be chosen and I set aside, when others may be praised and I unnoticed, when others may be preferred to me.

**Give me the grace to desire this, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

### LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

**"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Drink the living water that Jesus offers: forgiveness, mercy and peace that surpasses all understanding. Drink him in and live! Amen.

### \*RESPONSE: HYMN# 616

**"Our God Is an Awesome God"**

Mullins, 1988

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:7-17

Bibles, p.186/LG. p.242

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### HYMN #65

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Williams, 1762

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:1-12

Bibles, p.24/ LG. p.31

The Word of God, for the People of God

**Thanks be to God**

#### SERMON

**"Humility"**

Rev. Kathy Collier

## Responding

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ. We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity. We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ. We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world. This, we believe. Amen.* – Adapted from the Confession of Belha

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*“Meditation”*

Callahan

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*COMMUNION HYMN #507

*“Come to the Table of Grace”*

Hamm, 2008

### 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 #749

*“Come! Live in the Light!”*

Haas, 1988

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE #600

*“Amen”*

Johnson, 1988

### POSTLUDE

*“Saints Victorious”*

Blake

(\* 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, Dorothy Maloney, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Mark Reeves, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 11/06

Home Communion



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