

Service for the Lord's Day

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

Our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Thank you, Lord, for giving us the privilege of serving you by serving others. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

*INTROIT #363

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” (v.1)

Wesley, 1746

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is with us!

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #363

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us. Confident in God's mercies, let us confess our sin, first silently, then with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ 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

Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear-- for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism: 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

“Thanks Be To God”
(Bert Lowe, Soloist)

Siegfried Ochs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Bibles, p.193/LG. p.250

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Crosby, 1873

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:1-7

Bibles, p.210/LG. p.273

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Steve Miller

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world the 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” This, we believe.

—A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4, 65-76

