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.

Proclaiming

ANTHEM "Thanks Be To God"

Siegfried Ochs

#580

(Bert Lowe, Soloist)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Edwards, 1961

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #647 "Give Thanks" Smith, 1978

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses.

Steve Miller is not new to East Texas, as he attended school here. From Henderson, he graduated Texas A&M University with a Master in Business, and worked in banking in Houston for a number of years. Then, in recent years, Steve received a Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. As an evangelist, he founded the United States Christian Leadership Organization and is dedicated to achieving racial harmony and equality through spreading the love of Christ and building relationships. Steve is married to Kim, and they have two wonderful children, Gabby and Kennedy. Please take time following worship to visit with Steve and his lovely family.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thur. 11/23 & Fri. 11/24 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



Encourage one another and build up each other....

Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

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