

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

“For God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Claudia Morgan-Gray

*INTROIT #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (v.1)

Bateman, 1843

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.
We come to worship the one who rules justly.
Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!
Bread of Heaven, God with us!
Good Shepherd, True Vine!
Eternal Word, Great I AM
Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!
We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

*HYMN #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION
If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he, who is faithful and just will forgive our new sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor first silently, then together with the Unison Prayer of Confession.

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. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News.
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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Mark1:16-20 (NIV)

Pew Bibles, p.33/LG. p.42

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #193

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Vajda, 1991

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-5,10 (NIV)

Pew Bibles, p.811/LG. p.1054

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“A Call for the Moment...and a Lifetime”

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 Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.” Amen
– The Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #541 *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”* Rankin, 1880

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #547 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”* Vajda, 1983

POSTLUDE Selected

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

Dr. Sharon Templeman is a native Texan, but has lived much of her life in Virginia. In 2010 she retired from SFA as the Director of the Graduate Program in the School of Social Work but loves teaching so continues to teach part time in that program. Sharon has studied at Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She is the proud mother of one son, Aaron, and two precious granddaughters, Nora and Alina. Welcome, Sharon! Thanks for being here.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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