

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*God, our guide, give us hearts to listen and wisdom to discern your calling to us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Lynn Tieken

*INTROIT #755

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" (v.1)

Morgan, 2011

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

*HYMN #755

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships, and promises to show us mercy. Let us pray, first silently, and then with the Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from

you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal One, lead us to your truth; Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone. 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 Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life, forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. 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

Exodus 20:8-11

Bibles, p.64/LG. p.82

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #50

"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

Wren, 1973

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-7

Bibles, p.48/LG. p.62

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Steve Miller

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of

saints called from the entire human family.

– Confession of Belhar 10.1&10.2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #49

“The God of Abraham Praise” (v.1-3)

Olivers, 1770

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #49

“The God of Abraham Praise” (v.4)

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, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Sue Williams, and the Reynolds family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

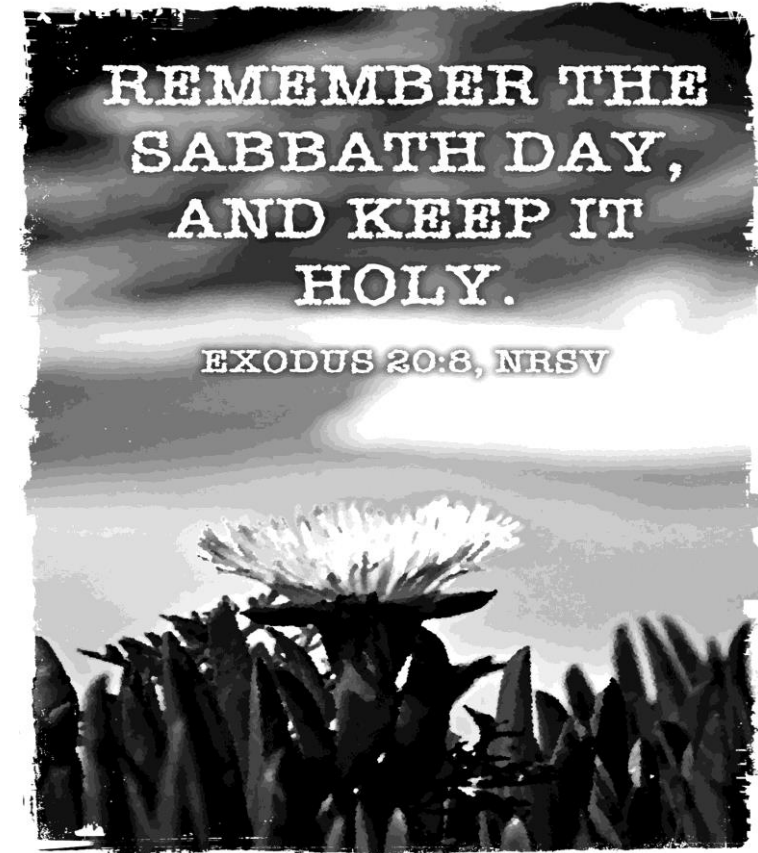
Sun. 02/04

Communion

Mon. 02/05

Home Communion

Reminder: Bring H.I.M. Donations Sun. 02/04



REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY,
AND KEEP IT
HOLY.

EXODUS 20:8, NRSV

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