

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Ever present Lord, help us remember your great love for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Tieken

\*INTROIT #755

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

Morgan, 2011

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

***Has it not been told to us since the beginning?***

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

***they shall mount up with wings like eagles;***

***they shall run and not be weary;***

***they shall walk and not faint.***

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

\*HYMN #755

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker. Let us pray, first silently, then with the Unison prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

Psalm 147:1-11

Bibles, p.549/LG. p.715

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #657

*"Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness"*

Bell, 1993

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:21-31

Bibles, p.628/ LG. p.817

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"Memory Care for Recovering Amnesiacs"* Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of mankind. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men (and women) in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of man in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than man's schemes will finally prevail. This we believe.***

*—The Confession of 1967 9.21; 9.24; 9.25*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION HYMN #521 *“In Remembrance of Me”* Courtney, 1972

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 #645 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (v.1-3)* Schultz, 1675

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #645 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (v.4)*

POSTLUDE Selected

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

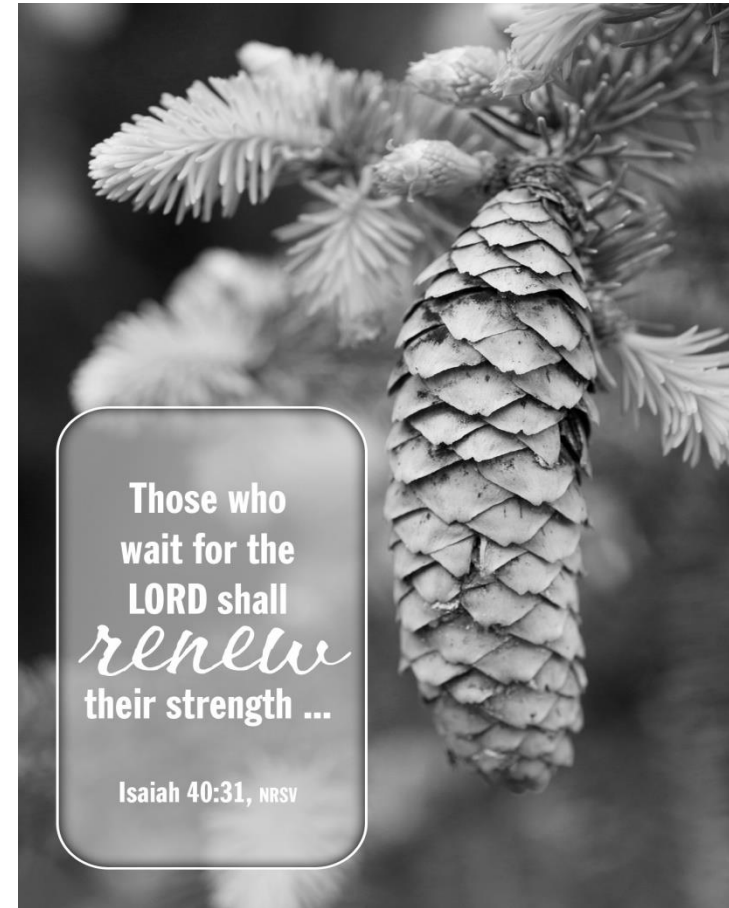
**Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese is an ordained United Methodist minister and professor who has served churches in East Texas and Houston, and as professor at Lon Morris College for 39 years. He now teaches at the University of Texas in Tyler. Jimmie has been married to his wife, Shirley, for 60 years and they have two grown children and two grandchildren. He has degrees from St. Mary’s School of Theology, and a Doctoral degree from the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. We thank him immensely for serving us today.**

**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**

Mon. 2/05

Home Communion



Those who  
wait for the  
LORD shall  
*renew*  
their strength ...

Isaiah 40:31, NRSV

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