Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Holy One, thank you for the ability to begin my day in prayer. Guide my path today. No matter what happens, help me to feel that I belong to you, and bring me home to you at the end of the day. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE		Selected	
WELCOME		Lynn Tieken	
*INTROIT #634	"To God Be the Glory" (v.1)	Crosby, 1875	

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff but who delight in God's teachings.

They are like trees planted by streams of water. They yield fruit in due season and their leaves do not wither.

*HYMN #634

"To God Be the Glory" (v.2)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord watches over our ways. Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins. First silently and then with the Unison Prayer of confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us with truth; in Jesus' name. 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 promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the	#580
	Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,	
	and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.	

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE	Acts 1:15-17, 21-2	26 Bibles, p.110/LG. p.143
Т	The Word of the Lord The	anks be to God
HYMN #839	"Blessed Assurance, Jesu	s Is Mine!" Crosby, 1873
SECOND SCRIPTURE	John 17:6-19	Bibles, p.105/ LG. p.136
The Word of G	od, for the People of God	Thanks be to God
SERMON	"Jesus' Intercessory Pa	<i>rayer</i> " Jimmy Chapman

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 #460

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (v.1) Lathbury, 1877

Selected

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #460

POSTLUDE

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

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (v.2)

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, Kay Warren, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Thur. 05/17	L.E.A.N. Meeting	2:00pm		
Thur. 05/17	Session Meeting	6:30pm		



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