

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

"The father of godly children has cause for joy.
What a pleasure to have children who are wise."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts,
and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Bert Lowe

*INTROIT #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (v.1)

Watts, 1715

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning in the presence of the Triune God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Loving, Teaching, Empowering.

Three in One, and One in Three.

The God who loves us and has been seeking us for all eternity.

Then let us join our hearts and voices to worship God!

*HYMN #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We read in first John, "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 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

***Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues,
open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your***

***spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy upon us, O God. Transform our timid
lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Anyone who is in Christ in a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
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.*

#580

Proclaiming

ANTHEM #519

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

Jernigan, 1990

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (NIV) Pew Bibles, p.737/LG. p.959

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury, 1859

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (NIV) Pew Bibles, p.519/LG. p.674

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

THIRD SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34 (NIV)

Pew Bibles, p.36/LG. p.47

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"God Only Knows!"

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

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN (see Insert for Words) *“Faith of Our Fathers”* Faber, 1814

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #729 *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”* African American Spiritual

POSTLUDE Selected

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

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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

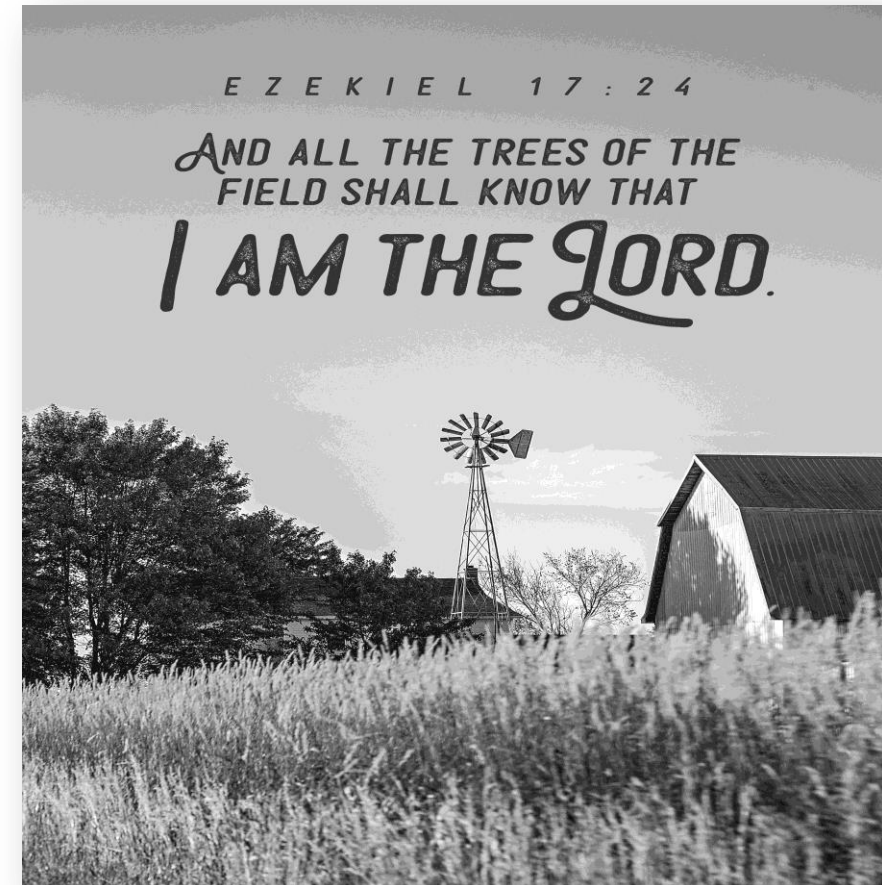
Mon. 06/18

Adopt-A-Block

Mon. 06/25

Pipeline Deadline

New Choir Practice Time is 6:00pm on Tuesdays



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