

# Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 08, 2018

Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart,  
and bear fruit with patient endurance.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*God of hope, grant us the gift of understanding to see through the eyes of a child  
and learn to recognize the humanity in all your people. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

\*INTROIT #331 *"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"* (v.1)

Roberts, 1876

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

*On the day I called, you answered me.*

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Thanks be to God!*

\*HYMN #331 *"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"* (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.

We pray, first, silently, then with the Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected, and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and*

*forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, Let the children come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*We are children of God! Let us live in peace!*

\*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

ANTHEM

*"I Thank the Father"*

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 138 (The Message) Pew Bibles, p.545/LG. p.709

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #643

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Winkworth, 1858

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:15-17 from "The Message" translation Pew Bibles, p.76/LG. p.99

The Word of God, for the People of God *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"Don't Get Between Them and Me"*

Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly*

*condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. This, we believe.*

—A Brief Statement of Faith 10.2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## *Sending*

\*HYMN #547

*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (v.1&2)*

Vajda, 1983

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #547

*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (v.3)*

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

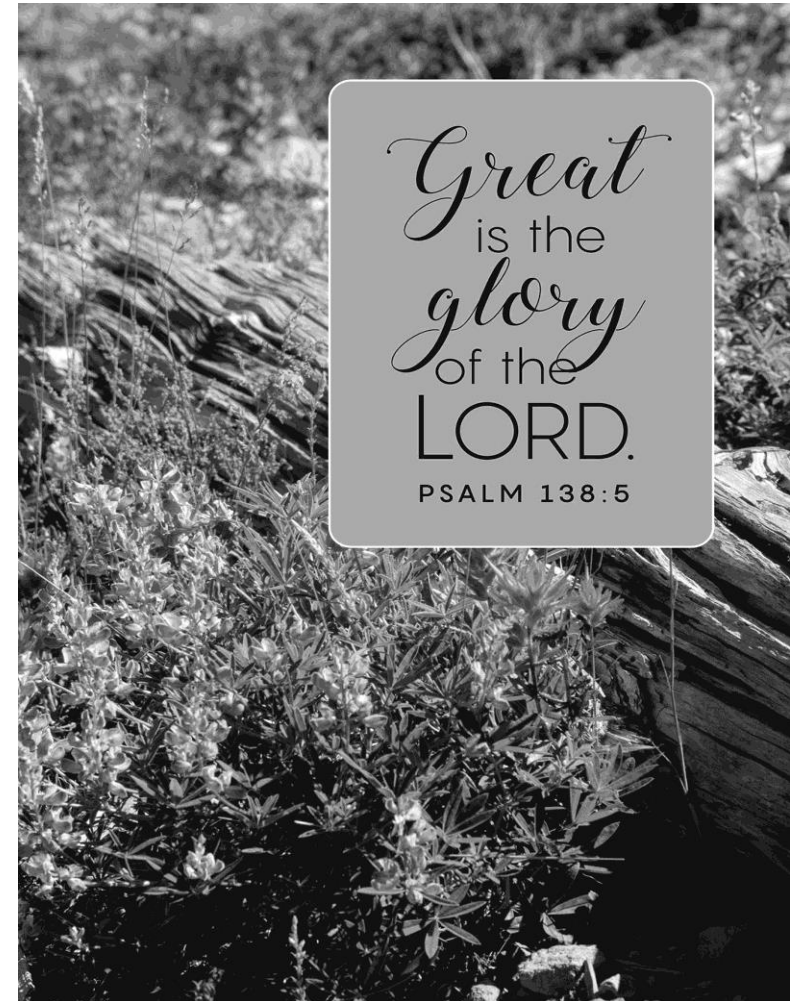
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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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

*New Choir Practice Time is 6:00pm on Tuesdays*



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