

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, Rejoice!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Dear Lord, in all the difficult situations we experience in our lives,
help us to firmly trust in you. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Kathy Porter

*INTROIT #408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Akers, 1962

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Even in the storms of life,

God is our refuge and strength.

Even when contrary winds blow against us,

God is our rock and shelter.

Even when tears are with us day and night,

God holds us firmly.

In all the days and experiences of our lives,

We look to the Lord for our strength.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Caswell, 1853

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in divine mercy, and with humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray, first silently, and then with our Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, whose ways are good and true, we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live. We have shut our eyes to evils our world allows. We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering whose pain we abide. We have clung to the hostility we harbor

against one another and hardened our hearts to the creative power of love. Therefore, we pray: Open our eyes to see injustice in our world. Give us courage to resist the powers that oppress the poor. Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy. Teach us generosity for sharing the abundance of your creation. Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace. Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies near and far. For the sake of the world, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

According to the Lord's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

*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

"The Lone Wild Bird/Spirit of the Living God"

(Duet of Cindy Ratliff & Joshua Allen)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51:1-12

Bibles, p.492/LG. p.640

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #697

"Take My Life"

Havergal, 1874

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 17:22

Bibles, p.566/LG. p.737

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Steve Miller

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God has created man in a personal relation with himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. He has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from

birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. This, we believe.

—The Confession of 1967 9.17

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Williams, 2000

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #542

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (v.1)

Rankin, 1880

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, Kay Warren, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Choir Practice Time is 6:00pm on Tuesdays

Create in me a
 **clean heart,**

O God,
and put a new &
right spirit
within
me.



Psalm 51:10. NRSV

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