

Service for the Lord's Day

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 2018

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all that he has made.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Thank you, compassionate God, for hearing our cries, listening to the prayers of our hearts, and helping us to find you in the love you show through others. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Cindy Ratliff

*INTROIT #1 ***"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*** (v.1)

Heber, 1827

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all the people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #1 ***"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*** (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Atheists are not the only foolish people who act as if there is no God. Even in the midst of the miracles of life, we often do not acknowledge God's presence. And yet the Spirit is with us as the source of life. Therefore, let us confess our sins and receive Christ's mercy. Let us pray, first, in silence, and then together, with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, Lord of King David and of the Son, the Messiah, David's greater son, we confess our sins and pray for your help so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth. Restore your creation to full health and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your

merciful power. Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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 river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth. Beloved in the risen 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 14

Bibles, p.468/LG. p.609

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #688

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Croly, 1867

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

Bibles, p.182/ LG. p.236

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"I Bow My Knees Before the Father"

Rev. Lynette Solomon

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION HYMN #507 *“Come to the Table of Grace”* Hamm, 2008

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 #498 *“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”* (v.1-3) Wood, 1958

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #498 *“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”* (v.4)

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, Sue Williams, Jan Mims and family on the passing of her brother Jim Humphrey, and the family of Jane Fahle.

Into the Church Triumphant

Jane Fahle

July 13, 2018



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Ephesians 3:14-15

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