

# Service for the Lord's Day

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018

Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*O Gracious and Holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Claudia Morgan-Gray

\*INTROIT #435

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

Faber, 1854

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

*Thanks be to God.*

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN #415

*"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*

Hart, 1759

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another, first silently and then with the Unison Prayer of Confession. Let us pray...

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through*

*Christ our Lord 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

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus 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 32

Bibles, p.479/LG. p.623

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #649

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

Newton, 1772

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:11-32

Bibles, p.73/LG. p.95

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"A Prodigal, A Pharisee, and A Padre" (pt. 2)*

Rev. David Reeder

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men. This, we*

*believe.*

– *The Confession of 1967* 9.08

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## *Sending*

\*HYMN #816      *“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”* (v.1&2)      Neumark, 1641

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #816      *“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”* (v.3)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

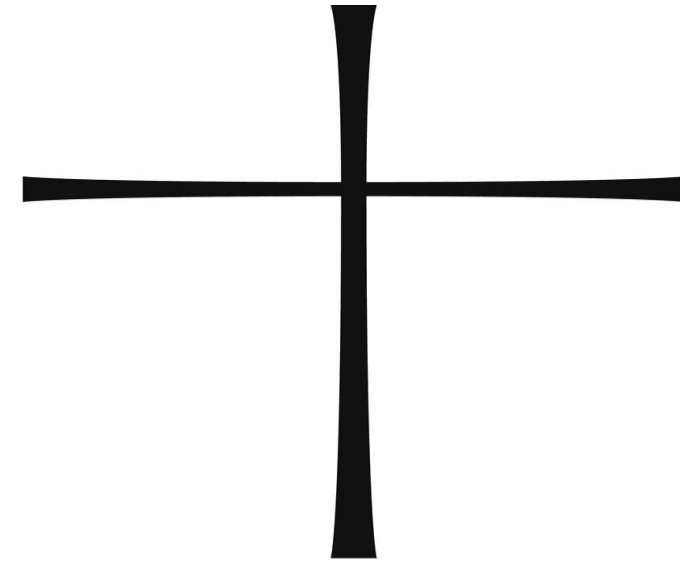
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**Rev. David Reeder serves as a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator in Longview, having been involved in pastoral ministry for over 30 years. He has a deep passion to see people's lives changed through the power of the Word of God, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the community of believers. Rev. Reeder and his wife, Sonya, are blessed with four children and one very special granddaughter. Just ask him how special she is! Many thanks for serving our congregation and bringing God's message to us.**

**This week's prayers and concerns:** Judy Andrasko, 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.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thur. 08/09	Yates Youth Project @ Civic Center	8:00am – 2:00pm
Fri. 08/10 – Sun. 08/12	Texas Sales Tax Holiday	
Sun. 08/12	Rev. Shelley Wiley here & Potluck Lunch following service	



Happy are those whose  
transgression  
is forgiven,  
whose sin  
is covered.

PSALM 32:1, NRSV

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