

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Dear Lord, enable us by your grace to love and serve one another. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jan Pennal

*INTROIT #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (v.1)

Pierpoint, 1864

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

We dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling, the life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

*HYMN #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (v.2-5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the beginning God created all that is – seen and unseen – and declared it good. When God created humanity, God declared we are “very good.” We are still very good – reflecting the image of God. But sometimes we sin; we make mistakes; we mis-speak or mis-act. That is not what defines us; that is not who we are. Let us confess these sins and turn heart, soul, mind, and strength to God; for God is doing a new thing within and among us – removing our sin from us as far as the East is from the West. Let us shed the weight of sin so we may live in ways that glorify God. 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

Almighty God, you created the earth by your power; you save the human race by your mercy; and you recreate us anew by your grace. Pondering your grace, mercy, and power, we

confess the words we have spoken which have caused harm. We confess the actions which have destroyed. We confess the thoughts which turn us from you. We turn from these and re-turn to you. May our lives reflect the truth of your presence in and among us. Amen.

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: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their sins and debts against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. God’s gift of grace is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Believe the Good News: In Christ, we are forgiven!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:28-32

Bibles, p.22/LG. p.28

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #340

“This Is My Song”

Harkness, 1933

SECOND SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

Bibles, p.215/ LG. p.278

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“On Earth As It Is In Heaven”

Rev. Jonathan Murray

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

– *The Apostles' Creed*

Borthwick, 1859

Selected

Murray, 1998

(Choir)

(May be found on page 769)

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.

Rankin, 1880

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (Refrain)

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Rev. Jonathan Murray is Co-Pastor, along with his wife Rev. Caressa Murray, to Covenant Presbyterian Church, College Station. The Rev. Murrays work to partner in all of life and ministry. We have two wonderful kids: Caleb (2nd grade) & Madelyn (1st grade). In the 9 years of ordained ministry, my gifts used for God's glory revolve around worship, mission, property, and finances. My passions include dating my wife, raising my kids, wood working, and riding my motorcycle. God's people at FPC, Henderson have formed and grown me as a preacher and pastor, and I am grateful to return to support the ministry and mission. To God be the glory!

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, and Bill Caldwell (Katie Hurst's father).



BE QUICK
TO LISTEN,
SLOW
TO SPEAK,
SLOW TO
ANGER.

James 1:19, NRSV

311 South High Street, Henderson, TX 75652

903-657-2529

Fpchendersontx.org

We're on FaceBook!

