

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

November 25, 2018

As Christ's ambassadors, God makes his appeals for reconciliation through us.
Be reconciled to God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Dear Lord, thank you for your love and grace that makes everything new. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Tieken

*INTROIT #361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation" (v.1)

Lew, 1933

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to God Most High; to declare God's steadfast love in the morning and God's faithfulness at nighttime.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish; no matter their age, they bear fruit and remain lush and fresh, proclaiming: The Lord is righteous! God is my rock!

*HYMN #361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation" (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope. Let us confess our sins, first in silence, and then with the Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes—fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your

branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ's 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

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him. 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

ANTHEM

"Imagine, Imagine the People of God"
(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

Bibles, p.519/LG. p.674

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Green, 1970

SECOND SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Bibles, p.170/LG. p.221

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Hard Work of Reconciliation"

Rev. David Reeder

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Affirmation of Faith is from the Confession of 1967 (9.20-9.21)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. He enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, he gives them power to

become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all men. Jesus's cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. This, we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #192 *"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"* Kendrick, 1987

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #747 *"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"* Cartford, 1998

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



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to God.*
2 Corinthians 5:20

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