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Henderson, Texas

“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible...

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Almighty God, through you all life is created. Through you all creation finds grace and mercy.
May our lives be a demonstration of our gratitude. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

“Come Just As You Are”
(Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive**

Liturgist - John Tieken

Let us sit at Christ's feet, like his servant Mary,
and learn from the teachings of our Lord.

Let us serve Christ with eagerness, like his servant Martha,
and share God's hospitality with all in need.

Let us bear God's good news, like the prophet Amos,
and worship God with thanksgiving.

***HYMN #634**

“To God Be the Glory”

Crosby, 1875

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first in silence and then together.

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abraham and Sarah, you are the God of hospitality and grace. Forgive us when we close our doors to strangers or close our hearts to you. You are the God of good news and great joy. Forgive us when we hide behind the bad news of this world and lose sight of your holy hope. You are the God of all people, united in the body of Christ. Forgive us when we would fracture your body, and reconcile us in your spirit.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#580

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.

Word

ANTHEM

*“I Worship You, Almighty God”
(Chancel Choir)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Amos 8: 1-12

Bibles,p.807/LG.p.1048

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1: 15-28

Bibles,p.188/LG.p.244

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #108

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Neale, 1854

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 38-42

Bibles, p.67/ LG. p.87

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

Response

*HYMN #324

“For All the Faithful Women”

Stuempfle Jr., 1975

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is: *we seek your grace.*

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Sending

*HYMN #306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Fawcett, 1782

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the blessing of the Trinity—
holy, holy, holy Lord—
be with you now and always. *Alleluia!*

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here I am; send me!” *Amen.*

*RESPONSE #80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Rubin, 1975

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.