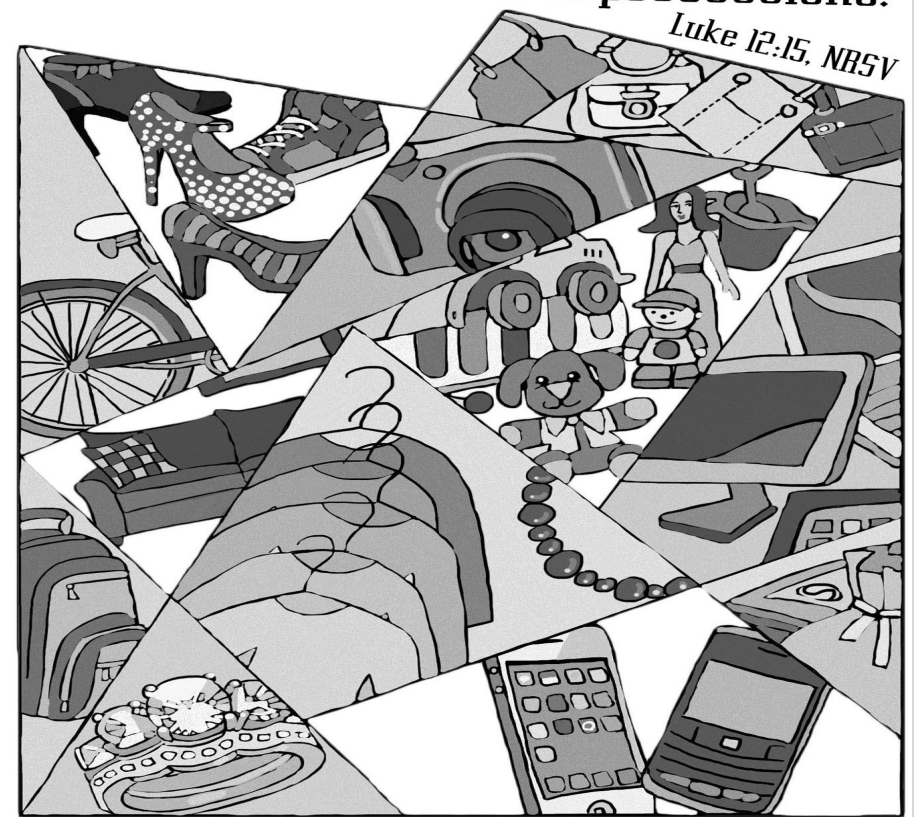


*...one's life does not consist
in the abundance of possessions.*

Luke 12:15, NRSV



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"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

...Thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Generous Lord, may my life be focused on you.
Help me to hold my earthly possessions lightly and share them freely. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”
(Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive**

Liturgist - Jan Pennal

Come worship the God who creates us,
who breathes life into dust and water into the earth.
Come worship the God who challenges us,
who calls the poor blessed and makes the hungry full.
Come worship the God who calls us,
who binds us in community and beckons us to follow.

***HYMN #509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Dunstan, 1990

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, 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.

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here I am; send me!” ***Amen.***

CLOSING RESPONSE #747** ***“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Cartford, 1998

POSTLUDE

Selected

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

forever and ever! *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER - Unison

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

On the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Selected

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Unison

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

Sending

*HYMN #716 *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* Edwards, 1961

*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,

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer. When your desert people cried out to you in hunger and in thirst, you gave them bread from heaven and brought water from the rock. When your desperate people cry out to you in humility and in faith, you wash us in abounding grace and bring peace from our chaos. Move us, O God, to deeper faith and faithful action. Fill us, O God, with deeper love and loving trust. Amen.

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

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

"Este Momento"
(Chancel Choir)
(Words on back of the insert page)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Hosea 11: 1-11 Bibles,p.794/LG.p.1032

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE Luke 12: 13-21 Bibles, p.70/ LG. p.90

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

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

*HYMN #44 *"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"* Bechtel, 1986

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Unison**

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.17

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

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

Eucharist

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

***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.

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

This is not my table; it is not the church's table. It is not a Presbyterian table. This is God's table. It is a foretaste of the heavenly feast.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow -- and you who have failed.

Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is our Maker. It is God's will that we should meet the Holy One here.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The people may be seated.

Holy, holy, holy Lord—

we praise you for your love:

bringing order out of chaos,

breathing life into dust,

leading captives into freedom,
calling wandering children home,
giving bread to the hungry,
giving drink to the thirsty,
raising the dead to life.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Thank you, Lord—
we thank you for Jesus:
Word made flesh,
light of the world,
living water,
shepherd and gate,
way and truth,
bread of heaven,
cup of salvation,
resurrection and life.

Take this bread and cup, O God—a feast of grace;
take our hearts and lives—an offering of praise.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Spirit, come—
come and live in us:
in this bread,
in this cup,
in your people,
one in the body,
one in the blood;
one with Christ,
one in ministry,
in this place,
in every place;
in this world,
in the world to come.

Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power,