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: hear our prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives—giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.

Sending

*HYMN #687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Watts, 1719

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

... Alleluia! ... Amen.

***RESPONSE** #747

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

Cartford, 1998

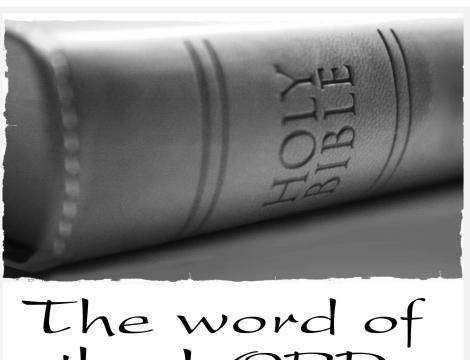
POSTLUDE

Selected

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The word of the LORD came to me...

Jeremiah 32:6, NRSV



Henderson, Texas

"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses.

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2019

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Generous, Life-giving God: still the clamorous desires of my heart that I may find contentment and rest in You. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE Selected

WELCOME Rev. Michele R. Goff

<u>INTROIT</u> "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(Chancel Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - Kelly Weaver

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O people!

Let us praise the Lord as long as we live.

Let us sing praises to our God!

*HYMN #41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

Grant, 1833

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You create life and call it good. Forgive us when we cannot see the goodness. You call us to serve you and our neighbor. Forgive us when we serve power, money, or status. You are sovereign and worthy of our praise. Forgive us when we are too weak to trust, too afraid to doubt, or too tired to try. Hear us, God of Jacob. Meet us in our confession, and move us deeper into life.

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

*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

"Este Momento"

(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Bibles,p.692/LG.p.900

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GREEK SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" (v.1-4)

Bibles,p.198/LG.p.257 Thanks be to God.

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

Tice, 2005

<u>HYMN</u> #766

Luke 16: 19-31

Bibles, p.75/ LG. p.97

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Lazarus and the Great Chasm"

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Response

*HYMN #269

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

Shurtleff, 1888

*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