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: *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**

## **OFFERTORY**

## \*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

<u>\*HYMN</u>#772

"Live into Hope"

Huber, 1976

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE** 

... Alleluia! ... Amen.

\*RESPONSE #742

**POSTLUDE** 

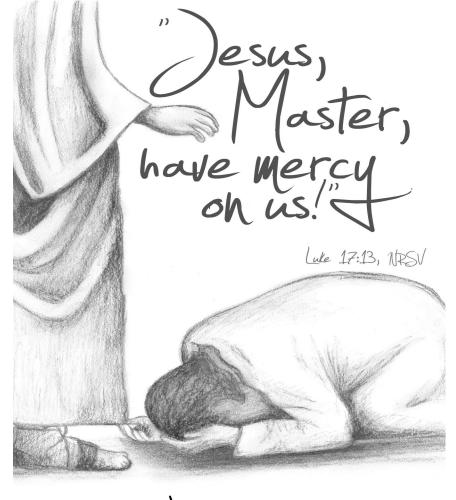
"We Will Walk with God"

Bell, 2002 Selected

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"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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

October 13, 2019

Amazing and Awesome God, we sing our praises to you. May our lives reflect our gratitude for your unending love. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE WELCOME

**INTROIT** 

Selected

Rev. Michele R. Goff

"Hear Our Praises" (Chancel Choir)

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive**

Liturgist - Claudia Morgan-Gray

We dare to worship, for we have seen:

We have seen the waters parted and walked upon dry land.

We dare to worship, for we have heard:

We have heard the mighty voice and the whisper small and still.

We dare to worship, for we have tasted:

We have tasted the bread of life and the sweetness of God's grace.

<u>\*HYMN</u> #301

"Let Us Build a House"

Haugen, 1994

PRAYER OF THE DAY

### **CONFESSION**

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have called us to serve your Word with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Too often our energy fades, and we waste our intelligence. We do not have the time for imagination or the patience for love. Your hope is abundant and your truth steadfast, yet we cannot trust the depth of your grace. Forgive us, God of mercy, and move us to know the goodness of your reign.

## 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**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; Righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please exchange signs of our Lord's peace with those around you.

#### **\*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**

"He Touched Me" (Chancel Choir)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTUREJeremiah 29: 1, 4-7Bibles,p.687/LG.p.894The word of the Lord.Thanks be to God.

**GREEK SCRIPTURE**2 Timothy 2: 8-15Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

<u>HYMN</u> #795

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE** 

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Haugen, 1986

Thanks be to God.

PTURELuke 17: 11-19Bibles, p.75/ LG. p.98The word of God, for the people of God.Thanks be to God.

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Bibles, p.200/LG.p.259

**ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** 

Response

"Were Not Ten Made Clean?"

<u>\*HYMN</u> #179

SERMON

"Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn"

Thornburg, 1995

# **\*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

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