

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (arr. Berry) Joshua Allen
WELCOME Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

*Call to Worship (based on Mark 8:31-38)

Let us not be ashamed of our Savior. Let us sing and praise our God out loud.

***In the midst of the crowd, we will praise you. In our community,
we will bear witness to our faith.***

Let us set our minds on divine things.

Let us take up our cross and follow Christ.

*HYMN #450 Be Thou My Vision

CONFESSION

Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of your love for the whole world. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our reticence of faith. Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses. Help us be your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow. Amen.

KYRIE #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (#471) The Lord Is My Song
***The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; God, the well-spring of life.***

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Nothing Can Trouble Ensemble
FIRST READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Bible p. 12-13, LG p. 15-16

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

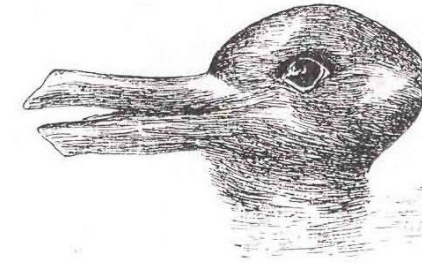
SECOND READING Mark 8:22-38 Bible p. 41, LG p. 53-54

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

SERMON



How do you see Jesus?



Rev. Kenny Rigoulot



—Response—

*HYMN #726 The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Remember, You Are Called...and Challenged”

... God, who risks all for the sake of love, we remember...

We are called, and we are challenged

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.***