

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*With hearts full of joy, we bring our praise to you, Glorious God. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE #322

***“We are One in Jesus Christ”***

Parker, 1996

*July Hymn of the Month*

WELCOME

Tom Laney

\*INTROIT #310

***“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*** (v. 1 – 2)

Dewight, 1800

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like a seed planted in good soil,

***the word of God does not return empty***

What was sown on good soil, tells of the one who hears the word and understands it,

***We want to yield fruit for our Lord!***

Let anyone with ears listen!

***The word of God always bears good fruit.***

\*HYMN #816

***“If Thou But Trust In God to Guide Thee”***

Neumark, 1641

CALL TO CONFESSION

We want to open our mouths and praise, but too often we use our voices to belittle, to criticize, to complain. The Lord waits for us to return in penitence. So let us approach God's grace and confess our shortcomings. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O Lord Jehovah, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We have not prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word. We allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel. Forgive us. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplish all that you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's word goes forth to the ends of the earth, accomplishing all that was desired, planting seeds of promise and bearing good fruit. In the name of the God's Son, we are forgiven.

***We will set our minds on the things of the Spirit, so that we may receive God's gifts and share them with this hurting, hungry world. We have been washed clean! Amen.***

\*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.***

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## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25: 19-34

Bibles, p.20/ LG. p. 26

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #451

***“Open My Eyes, That I May See”***

Scott, 1895

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13: 1-23

Bibles, p.13/ LG. p.16

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

***“You're Gonna Need Good Dirt”***

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***“We trust in God the Holy Spirit. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.” This we believe. Amen.***

*—A Brief Statement of Faith*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #837      *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (v. 1 & 2)*      Hoffman, 1887

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #365      *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (v. 3)*

POSTLUDE      Selected

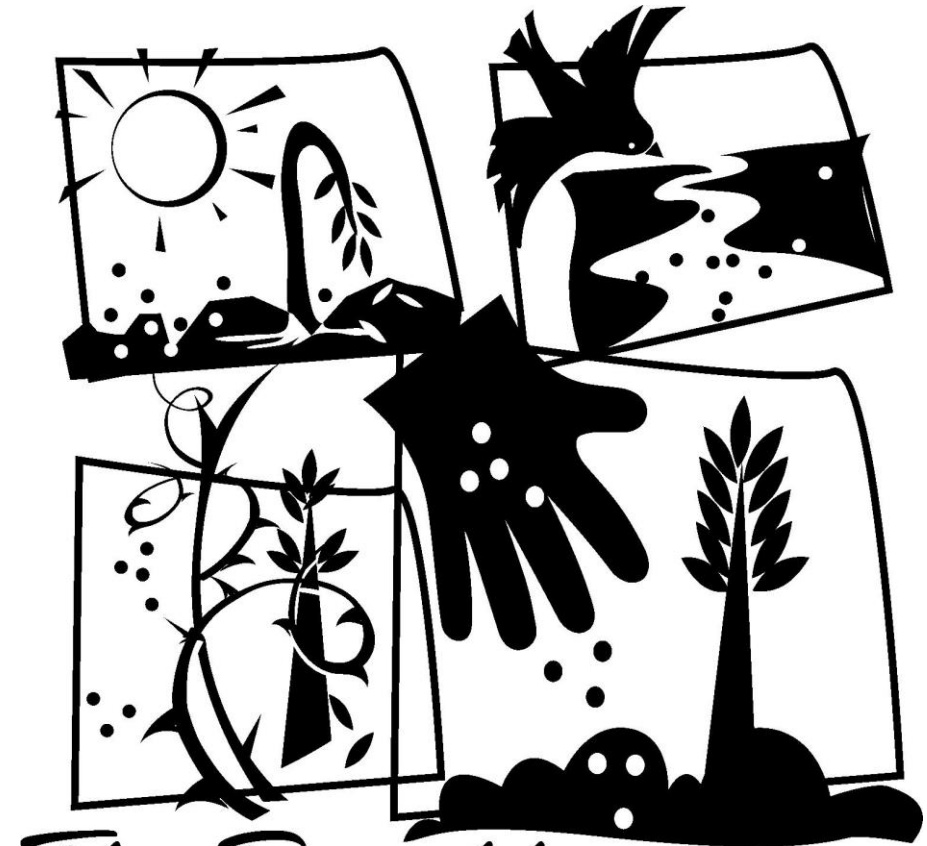
(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

The flowers on the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the achievements of Tela Snelgrove. *Way to go, Tela!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs. 07/17	2:00p.m.	L.E.A.N. Meeting
Mon. 07/21	4:30 p.m.	Adopt-A-Block
Sun. 07/20	Following Worship	Salad Luncheon

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*The Parable  
of the Sower*

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