

# Service for the Lord's Day

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016

Come, Let Us Worship Together.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, Dear Jehovah,  
so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm our troubled souls.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*"Come, Ye Sinners"  
"Improvisation on 'Finest Wheat'"*

Colvin  
Reeves

WELCOME

Jane Fahle

\*INTROIT #415

*"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (v.1)*

Hart, 1759

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made:

*a day for praise and prayer, a day for gratitude and generosity.*

This is the time God has given us:

*a time for singing and silence, a time for speaking and listening.*

This is the life to which God calls us:

*a life of humility and service, a life of faith and trust.*

This is our wonderful day, given to us by our Creator.

*Let us rejoice together, and let us worship God!*

\*HYMN #291

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

Manley, 1975

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we pray to God, do we do so with pride in what wonderful people we are, or with that humble hope which recognizes how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace? Let us confess to Almighty God, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy Creator, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer,*

*and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to anyone who needed our help. Forgive us, Loving Shepherd. Help us to become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our broken and faulty lives. Then, grant us the mercy promised through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

*Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that goal called the Kingdom of God. Thanks be to You, O Lord. 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

Joel 2:23-32

Bibles, p.799/LG. p.1038

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #523

*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"*

Westendorf, 1976

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:9-14

Bibles, p.77/ LG. p.100

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"Think You're Better 'n Me?"*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the church. In a*

*broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us the 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 10.4

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*“Simple Gifts”*

arr. Wood

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #157

*“I Danced in the Morning” (v.1-4)*

Carter, 1963

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #157

*“I Danced in the Morning” (v.5)*

POSTLUDE

*“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”*

Manz

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Robbie Brooks, MaryAnn Chapman, Fonta Conway, Syble & Tom DeLoach, Tolly Dill, Joyce Huggins, Debbie Murphy, Cindy & Bob Ratliff, Kay Warren, Sue Williams and Dr. David Craig.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

|            |   |      |
|------------|---|------|
| Mon. 10/24 | Presbyterian Women Meeting                  | Noon |
| Mon. 10/24 | Pipeline Deadline                           |      |
|            | <i>Choir Practice Every Tues. at 5:00pm</i> |      |

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