

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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY **Fill My Cup, Lord**

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

—Sending—

***HYMN # 462**

I Love to Tell the Story

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to what is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit nourish you, animate you and lead you — this day and forever more.

POSTLUDE

Jesus Calls Us

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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Jesus said to her

I AM

John 4:26



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18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Just as I Am

WELCOME

Liturgist: Liz Buckner-Cross

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

And meditate on God's word day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

Which yield their fruit in its season.

Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

*HYMN # 450

Be Thou My Vision

CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #581

***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—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 46

Bible p. 489, LG p. 636

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 4:1-42

Bible p. 89-90, LG p. 115-116

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Quenching Your Thirst

Rev. David Reeder

—Response—

*HYMN # 451

Open MY Eyes, That I May See

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

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...may we be rooted in your wisdom and bear good fruit in due season.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

...pure, peace-loving and full of mercy.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

...comfort to those who suffer, and justice to the oppressed.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

...care for the least among us, and to resist selfish ambition.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

...reaching out in love and support.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

...may we use our resources wisely and generously for the good of others.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

...We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: