

The Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.

*The * indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

July 8, 2018

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

Gathering the Community of Faith

Hymn Sing

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 63*)

O God, you are my God, and I long for you.

my soul is thirsty for you.

Your constant love is better than life itself,

and so I will praise you.

I will give you thanks as long as I live;

I will raise my hands to you in prayer.

My soul will feast and be satisfied,

and I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

*Hymn 63 The Lord is Good

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you have called us into your church to be your servants in the service of others. Forgive us for falling short of your call. We have loved our buildings more than our brothers and sisters. We have been more concerned with budgets than with justice and peace. We have been more ready to talk about Christ than to live in Christ's image. Cut through our evasions, increase our courage, renew our vision. Make us and the whole church more nearly what you would have us be; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Response

Lord Have Mercy

Choir

Assurance of Grace

The good news in Christ is that God offers us new life at every moment, forgiving us and inviting us into the freshness of new beginnings. Let us praise this God of grace!

Alleluia! 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.

* Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.
All children and youth are invited to remain in worship following the Message.
Childcare for infants through two-year-olds available in the nursery, room 11.*

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Eric Hearst

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes too behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:8-10 (pg. 951)

Anthem

Come, Children of Zion

Lloyd Larson

Come, children of Zion and help us to sing loud anthems of praises to Jesus, our King, whose life was once given our souls to redeem and bring us to heaven to dwell there with him. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God. To God be the glory great things He hath done, so loved He the world that He gave us his son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! Come, children of Zion, sing praise to our King!

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:19-24 (pg. 787)

Message

Rev. Nancy Asbury

Responding to God's Word

Commissioning of Vacation Bible School Leaders and Helpers

*Hymn 708 We Give Thee But Thine Own

Please list prayers on pink slips located in pew racks - pass them to ushers during the hymn.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Gentle Jesus

Mark L. Williams

Gentle Jesus, pure and mild, look upon me as a child; pity my simplicity; come now, Lord to rescue me. Lamb of God, to you I turn, show me what I need to learn; you are gentle, kind and mild; you were once a little child. Loving Jesus, in your gracious hands I am, I will take, Lord all you give; in my heart, come now to live. I will ever sing your praise, serve you all my earthly days; then the world will always see Christ, the Holy Child in me.

*Response

**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 (*unison*)

Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts. We return to you, through the ministry and outreach of this church, a portion of all you have entrusted to us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We will also invest our time and abilities to your work of healing, comforting, teaching, guiding, and proclaiming good news. Bless each gift, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through our time, talents, and treasure. Amen.

