

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Twenty-four and Thirty (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be glad in God, and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all upright of heart.

People: **God has called us by name and poured out abundant mercy upon us.**

Leader: God has multiplied our resources and blessed us with food for body and soul.

People: **Christ dwells in our hearts through faith that we may be rooted and grounded in love.**

Leader: God grants us power to comprehend love's breadth and length, its heights and depths.

People: **The love of Christ surpasses knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 144 (blue hymnal) "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" Hyfrydol

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving. Gracious God, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jean Bonnyman

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON "Yea to it all" - Joseph Campbell

Michael Yates

*HYMN NO. 207 (blue hymnal) How Lovely, Lord

Merle's Tune

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect to Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Jan Bailey and Jessie Allen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away, Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days, O may thy house be my abode And all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come, No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

Isaac Watts

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 319 (blue hymnal) Spirit

Spirit

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the first 'A' in the third measure being significantly longer than the others, indicating a sustained note. The music concludes with a double bar line.

*POSTLUDE Thirteen (from *Miniatures for Organ*)

Herbert Howells

*Indicates standing.