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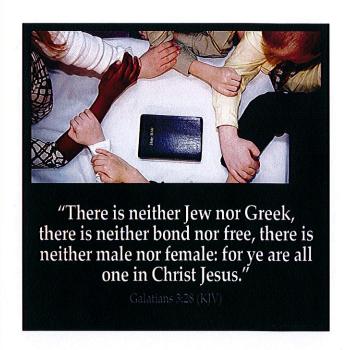
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Thy Word"

arr. Wagner

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

"This is the Day" Chancel Choir Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

So, this week it is my voice that calls us to worship.

We have been listening to many voices throughout the week.

I have too.

We have grown weary of newscasters and talk show hosts.

They don't seem to fill us up, do they?

They just seem to have opinions about which we agree or disagree.

But here we gather to listen to another voice.

Yes, the voice of God through scripture and the wisdom of God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit fill us up with God's good words,

and then send us out refreshed for another week.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 264

"At the Name of Jesus"

King's Weston

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy Spirit, we come to worship weary from our lives. Problems have worn us down. Worry has sapped our energy. The many voices that fill our heads have added to our confusion. So, we come in search of the way, the truth and the life. Come to us we pray, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

(Following the time with children, our young people through kindergarten age, may be excused to childcare)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, it is difficult to listen to someone read. It is challenging to understand the meaning. So, we rely upon you to read the words into our hearts. As you read to us, may we understand. Amen.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38: NT 43

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Jesus- in a Sea of Choices"

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 767

"Together We Serve"

San Anselmo

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Prepare Our Hearts"

Butler

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. Murphy

Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response

"All Things are Thine"

Duke Street

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee; And hence with grateful hearts today, Thine own before thy feet we lay.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

Aurelia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

Butler

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

"Gavotte"

Camidge

*Please rise in body or spirit **Bold lettering** is to be read responsively by the congregation **Bold lettering that is italicized** is to be sung by the congregation

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