

*September 9, 2018*



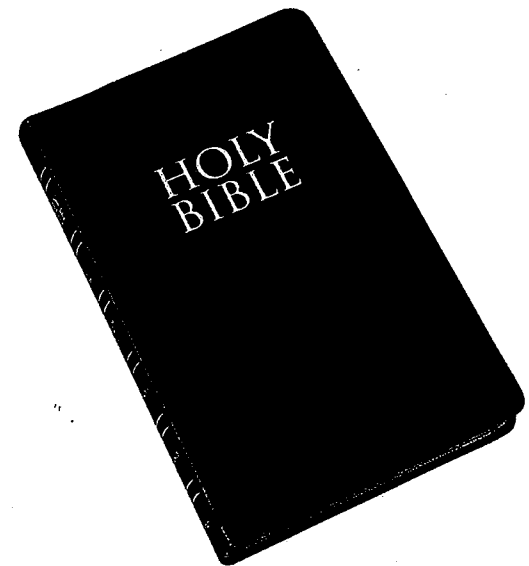
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**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 9, 2018**

**11:00 AM**

**PRELUDE**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Grosser Gott

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

"This is the Day"  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to worship!

**We are glad to be here.**

I was wondering why you have come on this particular day.

**Well...lots of reasons...at least we assume so.**

I wonder what part of the service will speak to you.

**We were wondering that too.**

Maybe a hymn, maybe a prayer, maybe the scripture verse, maybe an anthem,  
maybe just a kind word from a friend, maybe a moment of silence.

**Maybe.**

Human thought and human hands composed this service...

**But it is God who speaks to us through the worship and prepares a  
good word for each of us.**

I wonder what God has prepared for each of us this day.

**As do we!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 462**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Hankey

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**God of wonder, God of love, open our hearts to the mystery of your  
presence in this place and through this time of worship. Only You  
know what questions we ponder and challenges we carry to this pew.  
Trusting in your care, we wait in anticipation of your grace to us. In  
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

"Surely the Presence"

L. Wolfe

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his 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 Keith Sundberg

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

**BIBLES FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AND THIRD GRADERS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy Spirit, we will listen, but will we understand? As we listen, help us,  
we pray. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING**

James 2:14-17; NT 230

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Perfect Scripture for Rally Sunday!" Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 749**

"Come Live in the Light"

We are Called

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

"Prepare Our Hearts"  
Chancel Choir

Butler

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

## RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"

Lau

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 they feet we lay.***

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Beecher

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

Butler

Chancel Choir

\*POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord"

arr. Hebble

\*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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