

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You approach faith with humility. You can have some idea, but it boils down to do you see religion as a club, or do you see religion as a path? Do you see it as a wall that separates you or do you see it as a bridge that connects you to God and other people? When you see it as a bridge, you aren't so worried about bringing others over to your side.
--Keith Ellison

PRELUDE

INTROIT *How Can I Keep From Singing* Rob Trawick

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 63)

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips shall praise you.

All: So will I bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*HYMN *O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing* GG: 610

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, you have created us, and as with all of your creations, you have created us good. Yet, in our assurance that we are from you and of you, we often grow prideful, thinking that our pedigree is all that is required of us. We forget to show the mercy which you command of us. We forget to live the kindness which you command of us. And humility, which opens us up to each other and reminds us of the worth of all God's creatures, gets left behind as well. Create in us more humble hearts, gracious God, that we may be open to the gifts of others, and that we may love as we have been loved.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We serve a God who loves us and wishes for us to be made whole.

People: We serve a God whose mercy endures forever.

Leader: Beloved, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us live as forgiving people.

*RESPONSE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (sing 2x) GG: 66

**All: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
Soloist, Owen Trawick

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN *Just As I Am, without One Plea* GG: 442

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37:5-11, pg. 34

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-31, pg. 16

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Elder Rob Trawick

***Latecomers Seated *All who are able please stand.

“Spiritual Humility, or How Not to Be the Most Arrogant Christian in the Room”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Faith

Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* tune GG: 606

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Lord When I Came into This Life

GG: 691

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Day by Day

Stephen

Schwartz