

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Oh, earth, you're too wonderful for anyone to realize you! Do human beings ever realize life while they live it – every, every minute?”

Emily from Our Town by Thornton Wilder

PRELUDE

*Italian Hymn*

setting by Albert Travis

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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CHORAL INTROIT

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

GG: 452

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

**People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.**

Leader: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

**All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen**

\*HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

GG: 804

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Teacher. Amen**

*(A moment for silent examination and confession.)*

*Amen*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we all are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

*Come, O Holy Spirit, Come*

GG: 283

**All: Wa wa wa Emi mi mo;** (Come, O Holy Spirit, come;)

**Wa wa wa A lag ba ra;** (Come, almighty Spirit, come;)

**Wa-o, wa-o, wa-o.** (Come, come, come.)

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: 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.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

*I Choose Love*

David Miller

\*HYMN

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

GG: 796

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 2:8-15, pg. 212

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19, pg. 80

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Astonishing”

Rev. Jean Holmes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Serving in the World*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*      setting by Nancy M. Raabe

\*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;  
Creator, Christ, 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      *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*      GG: 542

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      *I Will Exalt My God, My King*      GG: 622

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Jubilate Deo*      J. Wayne Kerr

\*All who are able please stand.      \*\*\*Latecomers seated.