

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Most Gracious God, hallowed be your name, help us to be a blessing to your name in what we say and what we do. In this hour of our worship, may we reflect on bringing glory to holy presence. May your grace be sufficient for us as we live out our faith. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Uppingham Festival March”

John Lloyd, 1996

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (Psalm 19)**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

People: refreshing the soul.

Leader: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,

People: making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right,

People: giving joy to the heart.

Leader: The commands of the LORD are radiant,

People: giving light to the eyes.

All: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. Amen!

***Hymn**

“Here in This Place”

#401

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in an unlikely place, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 6) #15

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading

II Samuel 11:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Solo

"St. Denio Variations"

John Lloyd, 1999

Sermon

"Who, Me?"

Pastor Steven A. Watters

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at

the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

***Hymn**

“Take Us As We Are, O God”

#312

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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.

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

Doxology

#606

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn**

“Christ Be Beside Me”

#702

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response** “We Are the Church”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth-er!".

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***Postlude**

“Sinfonia to Cantata 29”

J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

As played by Robert Quinney on our organ April 14, 2004

Pastor: Steve Watters

Liturgist: Ruthanne Johnson

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Thomas Lloyd

Our liturgist, Ruthanne Johnson, has been a member of our church for 56 years and is an ordained deacon and elder. She is a retired RN and along with her husband, Gordon, raised three children here, all of whom became elders, with one becoming an ordained Presbyterian pastor. Her seven grandchildren also grew up in our congregation, and the two youngest (ages 5 and 3) continue to bless us with their presence.

Ruthanne has been involved in different aspects of the church throughout the years including children's Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Presbyterian Women, and the biggest job of all, being a Presbyterian pastor's wife for 65 years! She has been a choir member from the start and plans to continue until the day comes that Tom finally works up the nerve to suggest she take a well-deserved break! She has a passion for reading, gardening, traveling, and family get-togethers. If there's a church event, you will most likely see Ruthanne there.