

Sunday, September 17, 2017  
(\*Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

PRELUDE: "Prayer" -Boellman

CHOIR INTROIT: "Create In Me" -Hopkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: "How Great is Our God"**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

LEADER: Behold, now is the acceptable time.

**PEOPLE: Now is the day of salvation.**

LEADER: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**PEOPLE: That the light of your face may shine upon us.**

LEADER: May your justice shine like the sun;

**PEOPLE: and may the poor be lifted up.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #482**

OPENING PRAYER Liturgist

Loving God, you have opened the pathway to your eternal presence to those who believe in your gift of salvation through Jesus. Even though we struggle, you give us the strength to stay on that path. We can't understand why your love for us is so strong, but we are grateful. We worship and praise you with all our heart, mind and spirit. Come, be the center of our lives. **Amen**

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist

This is the covenant which I make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sins no more. In

penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you are always willing to use us in spite of our faithlessness, we confess that while we have been chosen to be servants of others, we have tried to be their masters. We have received a commission to be witnesses to the ends of the earth, but in our self-interest we devote our time to oiling the machinery of our own organizations and pet projects. We pretend we are exceptions to humanity and hide behind excuses. We have closed our ears to the prophetic signs of our times. We lack the consciences that should accompany our Christian profession. Forgive us, O Lord, and deliver us from our living death. Give us the courage to accept the pain of new birth that we may be renewed and healed from all our brokenness. We pray in Christ's name. Amen**  
(Time of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Liturgist

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. As the dove gently settles on the tree, receive the gift of peace. As the flame rises free with light and warmth, receive the gift of life. As the wind moves and dances around the earth, receive the gracious gift of the Spirit.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE: JOYS & CONCERNS

**LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)**

**RESPONSE: "Be Calm My Soul"**

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Give to the Winds Your Fears" -Robert Christianson

CHILDREN'S TIME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Liturgist  
Guide us, O God, by your word and spirit. Open us to hear your word for us, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 103:1-13 PG 428

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 18:21-25 PG 695

SERMON: "The Amazing Power of Forgiveness" Pastor Fells

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

THE OFFERTORY: "Sabbath" -Eliot

\*DOXOLOGY #592

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" #229

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "Go Now In Peace"

\*POSTLUDE: "March" -Stickles

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LITURGIST: Joyce Bohnker

AUDIO/VIDEO: Denise Philipp/Shar Hulstein

ORGANIST: Ann Voggeser

CANDLE LIGHTERS: Thomas Gotto & Maggie Chapman

GREETER: Ed & Marilynn Jepsen USHER: Cathy Christiansen



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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

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