

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. July 10, 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Let us prepare for worship by praying,
meditating and listening to the organ prelude.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Prelude

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Choral Introit

THE GATHERING

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters, have you loved your neighbor? Have you stopped by the road and bandaged the wounded, or have you stopped on the other side?

People: The Lord is acquainted with our ways!

Leader: Sisters and brothers, have you loved your God? Have you turned your back and hurried on?

People: The Lord is acquainted with our ways!

Leader: Come to God that you might learn to show mercy.
Come to God that might receive mercy.

People: Let the Lord teach us how our hearts can love – with all our soul and strength and mind!

*The Hymn No. 379

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*The Prayer of Confession

Righteous god, we confess our easy compliance with the ways of the world. We are happy to accept advantages that are not available most to most. We are slow to hold oppressors responsible for their actions and even slower to recognize ourselves as oppressors. We pass by many who suffer as if their suffering is no concern of ours. Our walk of faith gives neither offense not inspiration. We are troubled when we see ourselves this way. Redeem us, O God! Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We are rescued from the shadows of our sinfulness by the grace of Jesus Christ. There is forgiveness for all who accept the gracious gift of the loving God.

People: We open ourselves now to receive anew the gospel in all its power and share in the inheritance of all the saints as we become good neighbors to the weak, the needy, the lonely and destitute, whom God loves along with us.

THE WORD

The Children's Time

The Choral Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

"On the Road, In the Ditch"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

*The Affirmation of Faith: From a Brief Statement of Faith 10.1-10.2

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God. Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned of blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn No. 303

"Be Thou My Vision"

*The Charge and Benediction

Congregation Response

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*