

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. July 31, 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11th 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 GATHERING

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One;
God is calling us; God has called us together.

**People: O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: God is eager to put loving arms around us.
God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

**People: God fills the hungry with good things.
Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

Leader: Set your minds on things that are above.
Put to death your earthly disobedience.

**People: God leads us to a new identity, to new life.
We seek renewal in the image of our creator.**

Invocation

*The Hymn No. 496

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has invited all of us to strip off our old selves to accept renewal in the image of our Creator. Right here, right now, in the warmth of God's love, our greed is melting away, our anger is finding constructive release, our despair is giving way to hope. God delivers us from

the folly of self-preoccupation to joyous involvement in our creator's wonderful works to humankind through the gracious acts of our Lord and savior.

People: God's love is abundant! God's mercy abounds! Thanks be to God!

THE WORD

The Children's Time

*The Hymn 369 (see insert) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

"Daidle, Daidle Dum"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

*The Affirmation of Faith:

*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

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*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn No. 310 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

*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.*

