

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. August 7, 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

12th 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 Introit

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

THE GATHERING

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Gather before God, people of the covenant.
Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

**People: God has summoned us to this place.
We believe God will speak to us here.**

Leader: Come to honor God and give thanks.
Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

**People: We come as willing and obedient servants.
Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us.**

Leader: God calls us as workers for justice.
God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.

**People: We are here to be equipped for ministry.
We expect to be empowered for our service.**

Invocation

*The Hymn No. 140

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on our mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Wash yourselves until you are clean. Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, turn from evil to do good. As you share in God's agenda, your sins of scarlet become as pure as new-fallen snow. God is pleased to welcome you into that realm where all are blessed and where true treasures can be found.

People: Thanks be to God through whom we are washed, restored and made whole!

THE WORD

The Children's Time

*The Hymn 716 (see insert) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 12:32-41

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

"Don't watch the Clock"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

*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. 479 (first tune) “In Christ There Is No East or West”

*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.*