

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

11:00 A.M. August 21, 2016

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

14<sup>th</sup> 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 Introit

**THE GATHERING**

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Hear the choices God sets before us: Life and prosperity  
or death and adversity.

**People: O God, you have searched us and know us. You know our  
thoughts and every move we make.**

Leader: Listen to the ordinances of our God; love God and walk in the  
way God commands.

**People: O God, we will listen for your words. We will seek to walk  
on the paths you intend.**

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's law; blessed are all who  
meditate on God's word.

**People: Wonderful are all your works, O God. We are your creation;  
we are in your hands.**

**Invocation**

\*The Hymn No. 85

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**\*The Prayer of Confession**

**Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our status in society than we do to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of our devotion to false gods. We are attracted to trivial and trite pursuits that direct our steps away from you. We act without thinking or planning or consulting you. O God, show us the way to a better life. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God. Refresh your hearts in Jesus Christ our savior, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**People: Receive the living water God offers to all who come in true repentance and searching faith.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit will never leave us or forsake us. Our helper is ever available and eager to respond to our prayers. Come, there is a place at God's table for you.

**THE WORD**

The Children's Time

The Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 14:1-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

**"Table Manners"**

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

**\*The Affirmation of Faith: From Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of 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 the good news to the poor and release to the captive, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with the outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for 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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

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\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn No. 298                      “Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak”

\*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.*