

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. August 28, 2016

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

15<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: Assemble before God, our rock and refuge.  
Come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.

**People: The word of God shakes the foundations of the earth.  
We expect to be changed by God's message to us.**

Leader: God rescues us from cruelty and injustice.  
In steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.

**People: We remember the rich heritage we have received.  
We give thanks for God's grace and mercy.**

Leader: This is God's holy day, a time to lay aside narrow interests.  
How will we honor God in word and deed?

**People: We will delight in the Word and works of our God.  
We will join together in praise and good works!**

Invocation

\*The Hymn No. 2

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*The Prayer of Confession

**We bow in awe before you, powerful God. We have forgotten that you are in charge of the earth. We have neglected the brothers and sisters you have called us to love. We want them to conform to our way of doing things rather than reaching out to them where they are. We would rather ignore them than feel obligated to help. Sometimes we would rather continue our own crippled existence than call on you for help. O God, we need your Mercy. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God forgives, heals, and redeems. Stand straight and tall in your own mind, for God reclaims you and grants you freedom to become all you are meant to be. God crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. God appoints you to speak and act as representative of the heavenly realm, as prophets of the new covenant.

**People: Thanks be to God for his gracious and merciful acts! Amen.**

**THE WORD**

The Children's Time

The Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

**"Started as a Whisper"**

**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

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn No. 203 (insert)                      “ Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

\*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.*