

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess our impatience.

We confess that often we desire answers more than insight and wisdom.

We are reluctant to ask questions because we fear what others may think of us.

We believe all people should be heard and their opinions honored,

but we are hesitant to raise our own voices

and share the stirrings of our hearts.

We decide not to participate or raise our concerns, so nothing ever changes.

We confess that we have allowed the voices of intolerance

and hatred to speak unchallenged.

Forgive us, O God, when we become overly preoccupied with our yesterdays

and our tomorrows.

Forgive us for paying too much attention to our exterior life

while giving little credence to the inner teacher within us,

our conscience, our faith.

Help us to live more fully in this present moment

and guide us beside your still waters of grace and mercy.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

No. 322

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Here these words of assurance from Romans 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HS No. 22

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,

And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.

We bless, we worship You, we raise

For Your great glory thanks and praise,

O God, the great Creator.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Theodore Michael Edone

Presentation Judy Dunscomb, Ruling Elder

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

see insert

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 8:1, 3-11, 14-22, 11:14-15

(OT pg. 239)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 RESPONSE

see insert

SERMON

Leading From Within

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In spite of many unanswered questions. . .

I believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,

who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and unseen,

who from the dust of earth calls up living beings to be children of eternity,

who through countless ages has provided for us many liberators

and tirelessly seeks to bring victory out of defeat and life out of decay.

In spite of many unanswered questions . . .

I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's Son,

who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,

who took upon himself the healing of the human race,

who bearing the burden of our sins went to Golgotha carrying his cross,

who was betrayed, crucified, dead and buried in a borrowed tomb,

who on the third day was found to be gloriously alive,

and who, today, meets us in places we least expect.

In spite of many unanswered questions . . .



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**I believe in the Holy Spirit of God,
within and among all who cherish Christ and his way,
who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow,
who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church
that it may always be the contemporary body of the risen Christ,
loving the world through prayer, word and deed.**

In spite of many unanswered questions . . .

**I believe that even I am caught up in the resurgent life of Christ Jesus,
and that nothing in life or death can separate me from his love and joy.**

In spite of many unanswered questions ...

I believe.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal, p. 16)

THE OFFERING OFFERTORY

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J. S. Bach

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

HS No. 81

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor, to God's name.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart
(v 1: choir alone; vs 2-5: all)

No. 247

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Lord, Mighty God
May the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavor.

Pao-chen Li
arr. Geoff Weaver

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J. G. Walther

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jun 10, 2018

*"Look, what is done cannot be now amended.
Men shall deal unadvisedly sometimes,
which after hours give leisure to repent."
—from Richard III, Act IV, Scene 4*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us lift up the name of God!
Let us praise the faithfulness of God!
*For just as the Lord's greatness fills the heavens,
God's love embraces the earth,
Preserving our life in the midst of trouble.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!*

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*HYMN

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

No. 476

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.
Please turn off cell phones during the service.