

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

HS No. 71

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Based on Acts 9, Psalm 30)

*God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime. Through Jesus Christ,
God forgives our shortcomings and delivers us from all evil. May God soften hardened
hearts and open the eyes of those who refuse to see.*

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Alleluia

Howard Hughes

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

A TIME TO THANK MICKIE ELZINGA

Lynn Noland and Sandy Wilcox

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 30

(OT pg. 478)

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 9:1-18

(NT pg. 119)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Walking Your Damascus Road

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*HYMN *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus* HS No. 38

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION
CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, p. 16)

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions Nadine Roddy, Clerk of Session

Questions to the Congregation

*Do we, the members of the church, accept ... as deacons
and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this
congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

We do.

*Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions,
and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone
is Head of the Church?*

We do.

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Prayer Litany Helen Kemp

*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

**Generous God, you shower us with gifts,
including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ.
In thanksgiving and praise,
we offer to you our time, our money, our very selves.
In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in world. Amen.**

*HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* No. 422

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein* J.S. Bach



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SILENT PRAYER

*God of the ages,
we come into this
holy space asking
for your blessing,
only to find that
the abundance of
your love is
already here.*

*Open our eyes to
see the blessing of
your creation.
Open our ears to
hear the blessing of
your word in story
and song.*

*Open our hearts to
experience the
blessing of your
presence.*

*All this we pray in
the name of
Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15, 2018

*"Be still. There is no longer any need of comment.
It was a lucky wind that blew away his halo with his cares,
a lucky sea that drowned his reputation."*

—Thomas Merton

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Sonatina* Hugo Distler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where is God when fear seeks to unravel individuals and communities?

God leads us in the darkness and in spite of the odds.

Is anything impossible with God?

**God can transform the hearts of persecutors and bullies and
set their feet on the path of compassion.**

What might God require of you and me?

**To lay hands on persecutors and bullies that they might
experience God's freeing and forgiving grace.**

For what can we hope and pray?

**That scales fall from every eye and we see more
clearly the goodness of the Lord.**

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*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 420

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