

# The Service for the Lord's Day



29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

## Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!  
All are invited to use the Prayer and Prelude as a time of silent preparation.

*"If I acknowledge God as the creator,  
it occurs to me that all I am and have is a gift."*

- Martin E. Marty

### Prayer of Reflection

Grant, Holy One,  
that thinking, we may think your thoughts;  
that speaking, we may speak your word;  
that singing, we may sing your praise;  
that hearing, we may hear your truth;  
and that willing, we may make your will our own,  
so that going out at the end of our worship,  
we may walk in your love and your peace,  
and departing from one another, not depart from you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### *Prelude*

*Meditation*

Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

### *Welcome*

Rev. Carter

### *\*Call to Worship*

Rev. Strom

*Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings and queens,  
God is Lord over all of life.*

**People: We belong to God.**

*Leader: God's image is within us.*

**People: God's seal is upon us.**

*Leader: God's love and compassion are built into us.*

**People: God's mercy and hope flow through us.**

*Leader: Let's celebrate the unfailing presence of God.*

**People: Let's rejoice in all the opportunities God gives us to serve.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!*

*\*Hymn #41* "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

Lyons

*\*Invitation to Confess*

*\*Litany of Confession*

Patient yet Persistent God,  
We are so easily distracted.  
How quickly we lose sight of who you've called us to be,  
and the love you've called us to live out.  
We allow ourselves to be claimed by the ways of this world,  
as though we bear a stamp reflecting  
greed, hostility, and everyone-for-themselves.  
We turn from your image within us.

Yet, you remind us that, from the very beginning,  
you have claimed us and loved us.

Forgive us, Loving One, when we turn from the way of grace,  
and the compassion-filled generosity it demands.  
Challenge and prod us to be your people who find our worth  
not in the false promises of this world,  
but in the truth of who you say we are.

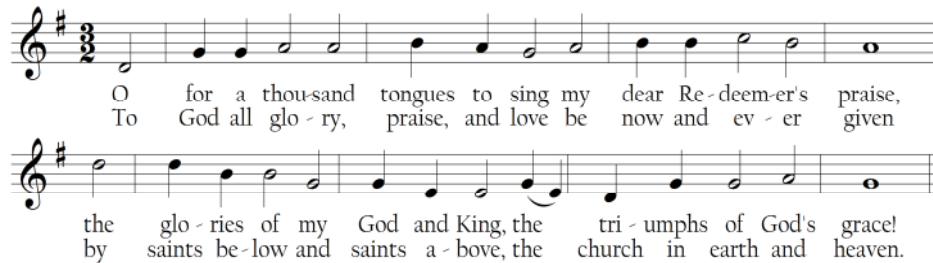
- silent reflection and confession -

*\*Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Friends, rejoice! In Jesus Christ, grace reigns!

People: In our words, smiles, and compassionate living  
we bear the image of our God.  
In our willingness to serve the voiceless and alienated,  
the lost and alone, the hurting and scared,  
we extend the grace of God!  
May our lives sing God's praise!

*\*Response to Grace*



O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Re-deem-er's praise,  
To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given  
the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!  
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

GTG: 610

*\*Passing of the Peace*

Leader: Having received the gift of peace through Christ,  
People: we now have something precious to share.  
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.  
People: And also with you!

- All are invited to share the "peace" of Christ with one another -

- Children are invited to come forward -

*\*Children's Message* (10:00)

- Children, through Middle School, are invited to the Chapel -

## Proclaim God's Word

*Prayer for Illumination*

Deacon Mary Faith Ferretto

*Scripture Reading*

Genesis 1: 26-31 (Pew Bible pp. 1-2, O.T.)

Leader: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word;*

People: Thanks be to God!

*Scripture Reading*

Matthew 22: 15-22 (Pew Bible pp. 24-5, N.T.)

Leader: *For the Word of God in Scripture,*

*For the Word of God among us,*

*For the Word of God within us,*

People: Thanks be to God!

*Sermon*

"Sense of Self"

## Respond in Thanks & Faith

*\*Hymn #697* (10:00)

"Take My Life"

Hendon

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

A 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 good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Call to Commitment*

*Offertory* (10:00)

“Sing of the Glory”

John Paige

*Sing of the glory of the Lord forever. Praise all the earth. Sing of His worth.  
Sing of the splendor of His majesty. Praise him for He is truth and light.  
Proclaim the glory of the everlasting Lord. Behold the wonder of His might.*

*\*Doxology*

Tallis' Canon

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be-  
low; praise God a-bove, ye heavenly host; Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly Ghost.

GTG: 675

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*Leader: God, source of all that is, lover of justice and source of equity,  
help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow your ways.*

*People: Embolden us to share with others the gift of grace  
that you have so abundantly given us.  
Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you now.  
Amen.*

*\*Hymn #694*

“Great God of Every Blessing”

Aurelia

*\*Benediction*

*Postlude*

“Festive Postlude”

Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

\*Congregation standing, as able.

\*\*Large print bulletins & with hymns and hearing assistance devices are available;  
please ask a deacon (with a red nametag) for assistance.

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