

The Service for the Lord's Day



Service at Bee Tree Preserve

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017

11:00 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.

Prayer of Preparation

from Literature & Liturgy (*adapted*)

Creator God,
This is the day that you have made!
This is the day you have called holy:
 a sabbath day, a rest day,
 a time out of the world and into the presence of God:
 a day for rejoicing.
Remove from us our distractions, our heart-worries,
 our to-dos and should-haves
 and all the constant stress & strain.
And in its place, O God, give us more of You.
Fill us to brimming and overflowing with the joy of the Lord:
 a good measure of God, pressed down,
 shaken together and running over.
We are glad, yes, we are glad indeed.

Welcome

Rev. Carter

**Call to Worship*

Leader: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
People: "but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."
Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
People: "and I will give you rest."
Leader: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,
People: Let us worship God this day!

**Hymn #14*

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
(please see back page)

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**Call to Confession*

**Prayer of Confession*

O God, we long to rest in you,
to trust in your goodness,
in your care for us,
in your abundant life.

But we don't know how to rest

And we have forgotten how to trust:

we seek material goods that we don't really need;
we befriend people not always out of love,
and ignore those desiring our compassion
and companionship;

we ask questions of you like the Sadducees did of Jesus,
questions that try only to prove our point,
not to grow in understanding of your desires for us.

Slow us down, Holy One.

Attend to us, Holy One,

Help us live into the truth—you are our salvation
and our resting place.

- silent prayers of confession -

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Friends, have you heard the Good News?

Our worth does not depend on what we do or do not do.

People: By the grace of Christ we are redeemed!

We belong to God, who deems us precious and loved!

Leader: Let us rest in that truth.

**Response to Grace*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 12/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, World with - out end, with - out end. A - men. and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, World with - out end, with - out end. A - men. and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. World with - out end, with - out end. A - men. As it was in the begin - ning, is now and ever shall be. A - men." The score includes a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.

People: God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon Dianne Thompson

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1: 1-6, 8-10, 13-15, 19-20, 23-24, 26-27, 31; 2: 1-3

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word!

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 20:8-11

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

"Sabbath Refreshment"

Rev. Carter

*"The greatest competitor of devotion to Jesus is service to Him.
It is never 'Do, do' with the Lord, but 'Be, be' and He will 'do' through you."
- Oswald Chambers*

Respond in Thanks & Faith

**Hymn #288*

"Spirit of the Living God" (sung twice)
(please see back page)

Living God

**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 God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our

care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

Jesus Loves Me

**Doxology#609*

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Praise God, from who all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. All-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness. Praise God, the Je-sus Christ, the Son of the Fa-ther, the Word, and Spirit of God. All-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness, all-ho-li-ness.

**Prayer of Dedication*

Leader: O God, we ask to be saved from such preoccupation with ourselves that we miss the way and truth and life you intend.

People: We offer our treasure because we prioritize your way of love, compassion, and generosity salvation above all else; and we dedicate our gifts and our living to your service, that they might breathe light and life to those in need.

**Hymn* (11:00)

"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,
He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,
He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in His hands,
He's got the moon and the stars in His hands,
He's got the wind and the clouds in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands,
He's got the oceans and the seas in His hands,
He's got you and he's got me in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody there in His hands,
He's got everybody everywhere in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

**Benediction*

*Congregation standing, as able.

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