

The Service for the Lord's Day



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

9:30 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 Reflection

John A. Nelson

God, we remember with wonder and joy
that your spirit is reaching everywhere:
rejoicing in the liveliness of all living things;
touching what is wounded or ill with healing power;
gathering in the lonely, the lost, the least;
soothing ancient animosities;
creating and recreating a vision of hope.
Come now, Holy Spirit.
Let our worship rejoice in you,
and lift our hearts,
and bind us in one family of loving grace.

Prelude "Grave-Adagio-Allegro maestoso" from Sonata No. 2

-Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome

Elder Lorene LaBerge

Call to Worship

Jenness Hall

Leader: *Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord.*

People: **This is a place for outsiders and insiders;
old-timers and new-comers;
the young, the old, and the in-between.**

Leader: *So come as you are, for this is God's house;
a house of prayer for all people.*

People: **We have gathered to worship
the Maker of Our Days,
the Restorer of Our Souls,
the Breath of Our Lives.**

**Hymn #265* "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Duke Street

**Invitation to Confess*

Elder Lorene LaBerge

**Prayer of Confession*

Forgive us, O God,
for the sins for which we are sorry,
for the sins we rationalize away,
and for the sins we simply don't see.
Open our eyes to the ways in which we have hurt those around us,
and grant us the courage
to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.
Remind us once more
of the painful ordering of our misplaced priorities,
and all the ways our pride
prevents us from following your call.
Precious Lord, show us how to love others as you have loved us

- silent prayers of confession -

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Friends, proclaim the good news!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Leader: No sin is beyond the reach of God's grace!
People: Love and claimed as Christ's very own,
we seek to live all of life in Christ!

**Response to Grace*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give
thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give
Son. And now let the weak say, 'We are strong'; let the
poor say, 'We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for
us!' And us! Give thanks. Give thanks.

GTG: 647

**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: Jesus offered his peace not just to some people in specific places,
but to all he encountered everywhere he went.
People: The peace of Christ is a peace that must be shared
if it is to be realized.
Leader: May the peace of Jesus 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 through third grade are invited to the Education Wing -

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Lenore Chapman

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 133 (Pew Bible p. 575, O.T.)

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord
Will Jones, soloist

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 15:21-28 (Pew Bible p. 17, 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

"Responding to the Outsider"

Deborah Schmidt

Respond in Thanks & Faith

* *Hymn #792*

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Balm in Gilead

* *Affirmation of Faith*

The Confession of 1967 (9.15)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human understanding. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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

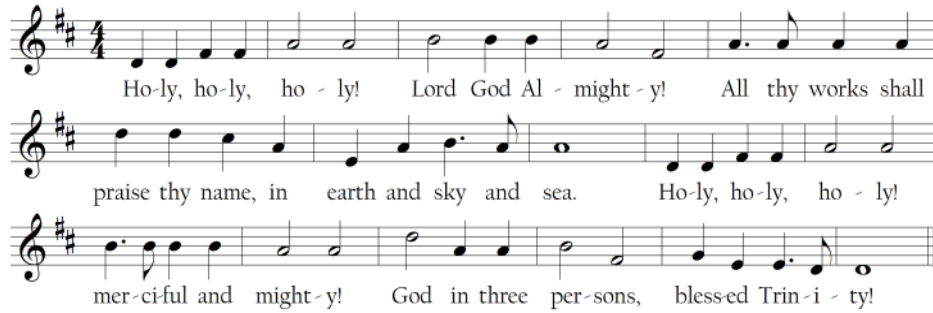
Offertory

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Men's Choir

arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

**Doxology*

Nicaea



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All thy works shall
 praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!
 mer-ci-ful and might - y! God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i - ty!

GTG:1

**Prayer of Dedication*

Elder Lorene LaBerge

Leader: God, you've given each one of us unique gifts and abilities
and have called us to unique settings—
our homes, schools, jobs, neighborhoods.

People: Great Lord, take our gifts, our time and our resources.
Use them—and us—as you see fit so that, through us,
your Kingdom might come and your will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.

**Hymn #546*

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

**Benediction*

Postlude

"Allegro moderato" from Sonata No. 2

Mendelssohn

*Congregation standing, as able.

**Large print bulletins & hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available;
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