

September 10, 2017 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10AM

Please gather quietly respecting those who are using this time for prayer and quiet reflection.

Gathering I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord Arr. by Long

Welcome and Announcements

Centering St. Theodulph Arr. by Hopson

Call to Worship

We gather here, where God would teach us:

**so we may learn to be more compassionate,
so we may be taught how to be more loving.**

We gather here, where Jesus would teach us

**the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge,
the language of hope so we may speak to all.**

We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,

**so we might know how to share grace,
so we would learn to welcome all to this Table.**

+Hymn #59 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of Invocation

**As we gather here in your name, O Christ,
you are already among us. Keep us open to your presence
in us and around us that we may grow closer to you. Amen.**

Gloria Patri #734

Musical Reflection Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts / debtors)

+ Hymn #492 Spirit of the Living God

Scripture: *Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20*

Response to the Word "Sung Amen"

Message Being the Church Isn't Always Easy Rev Mike

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering No. 1 Canzona Girolamo Frescobaldi

+ Sung Response (tune #147)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all
creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God in
Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

+ Blessing of Our Gifts

We dedicate to you, generous God, our lives.

**Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and
commitment. Amen.**

+Communion Hymn #689 One Bread, One Body

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, too often we take you for granted.

**When you call us to leave the situations that constrain us,
we are too complacent to hear your voice,
and too timid to leave what is familiar.**

Make us ready to go where you lead us. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (Intinction)

+ Hymn #550 We Are the Church

+ Sending and Blessing

Go now to the people who are overwhelmed by despair.

**We will take the hope which has been given to us and
share it with all.**

Go now to those who are at odds with neighbors.

**We will offer the peace and reconciliation which God has
poured into our lives.**

Go now to those who are the most vulnerable in our world.

We will bring the healing, the grace, the love of our God.

#614 Let There Be Peace On Earth

+ *Those who are able, please stand.*

Calendar and Announcements

September

Today – Sacrament of Holy Communion – Deacons Fund Offering

17th – CE Activity

20th – Community Meal 6PM

24th – Appreciation Sunday – Pathways for Children and Annual Meeting, CE Activity

October

1st – Sacrament of Holy Communion

8th – CE Activity, Deacons Meeting 11:30AM

15th – CE Activity, Celebration Sunday!

19th – Community Meal 6PM

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Today's liturgy resources Preaching Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Thom Shuman
Liturgies and UCC Worship Ways adapted by Rev. Mike

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Or Where You Are on Life's Journey
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