

September 16, 2018 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10AM

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "HE"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive):

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We come to worship God,

To hear a word of challenge and a word of hope;

to lean closely into Christ's call and claim on our lives.

We come to be together in Christian community, supporting one another as we share the cost and joy of discipleship, in Jesus' strong and holy name.

*HYMN #550 "WE ARE THE CHURCH"

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Unison*)

Lord, You are the foundation on which we stand,

The cornerstone of our strength,

The solid ground on which our faith is built.

In times of trial and tribulation,

In times of joy and discovery,

In the seemingly ordinary moments, in which we live as people of faith,

You hold us, You mold us, You grow us, You shape us,

You make us. So, we gather here in this church that you have built to grow in faith, together,

Turning towards you, as we support one another. Amen

+GLORIA PATRI #734

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Deacon Lauri Burke

MUSICAL REFLECTION:

"SHOWER THE PEOPLE WITH LOVE"

CHORUS: Shower the people you know with Love

Show them the way that you feel

**Things are gonna work out fine if you only will
(Repeat These Three Lines)**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*using debts/debtors*)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN #544 "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:28-30

EPISTLE READINGS

1 Cor. 3:11-15

James 3:1-12

MESSAGE "THE CHURCH"

Deacon Marjorie Akerley

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "I SAW THE LIGHT"

CHORUS: I saw the light, I saw the light.

No more darkness, no more night.

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

+ DOXOLOGY #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 (5 times)

+ Blessing of Our Gifts

God of love, we present these gifts to you out of our love for you, one another and all creation. May they be used in ways that are pleasing to you as we work to share your message of love with all people. In Jesus name we pray.

+ HYMN #600 *" IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"*

BLESSING AND SENDING (responsive):

God help us to always look to the many things for which we can be grateful even in the midst of times of loss

Let us enjoy the peace that comes with having a grateful heart.

The Bible tells us that it will rain on the just and the unjust, but there is always something to thank you for, God.

Teach us to make the choice to think on those things, so that we may always have a thankful heart. Amen

+ RESPONSE HYMN # 614

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

+ = As you are able, please stand.

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Welcome Here*