

August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

## Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a  
community of disciples  
with a heart for God  
and hands to help others.

eypc.org

\* = All who are able please stand. ♦ **boldface** = congregation participates

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Creator, we give you thanks for signs of your goodness around us. For the singing of the geese that fly south, for leaves that stir in the breeze, for stars that dance at night. We witness your power in the wind, we see your glory in the skies; we are grateful that you offered protection from the storm. Guide and encourage us in our worship of you and lead us into this week. Amen.

### GATHERING MUSIC

(9:00am) *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

arr. Dale Wood

## Gathering in the Lord's Presence

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are told that our love towards others should be true and sincere,

**ALL: Which is difficult towards those who are mean, dishonest and hateful.**

Leader: We are asked to love all people as if they were our sisters and brothers,

**ALL: Which suggests that all of us are one family, there are to be no barriers between us.**

Leader: We are implored to be patient, to rejoice, and to never stop praying,

**ALL: but we grow weary from our suffering, our loneliness and our grief.**

Leader: Why should we do all these things?

**ALL: Because we are God's people, called to lives that are different, and make the difference.**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Admitting Our Brokenness)

God of Creation, we confess that we have not been obedient to your will for us. We seek justice for ourselves, yet we neglect justice for others. We insist on our rights, but have not lived

rightly in our relationships. We desire mercy for our sins, but have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. Send your Holy Spirit to free us from all things that imprison us. Help us to love as you have loved us. Encourage us to serve that we might be a witness to your never-ending grace. Amen.

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Jesus is Lord. God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him.

People: This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! This is good news to share with all people!

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## *Hearing the Word*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Etude No. 56* by Bordogni

presented by Dylan Rehm

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 67

*<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. <sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:21-28

*<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.*

### **RESPONSE:**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *Mercy*

# Responding to the Word

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

*As this is the third Sunday of the month, we will receive the Deacon's Offering which supports the compassionate care of the congregation and community. You may indicate your gift to the Deacon's Offering whether giving electronically, by mail, or in person*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## Going Forth to Serve

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

**(ALL) Prayer after Communion: Lord may this bread and this cup be a reminder of us to follow where you lead us, to love who you love, and to speak your name to all who have ears. Amen.**

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

## PARTING MUSIC

(9:00am) *Fantasia on "Duke Street"*

arr. David Paxton

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir Director

Darlene Richards, Organ

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Praise Band Director

Cindy Stoner, Reader

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor