

# Communion Service for September 3, 2017

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” -arr. K. Kosche

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #283 “Jesus, Stand Among Us”

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: How shall we get along with one another in this world?

**All: The Apostle Paul said that our love should be genuine. We should hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.**

One: We should honor one another with kindness and compassion.

**All: We should always be strong in our enthusiasm to serve God.**

One: Come, let us joyfully worship God in all that we do.

**All: Let us praise God in our words, our thoughts, and our actions.**

• HYMN OF PRAISE #337 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

**God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don’t understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again.**

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #477 “Pass It On” (*Verse 1*)

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experience it:  
you spread God’s love to everyone, you want to pass it on.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

(*Sunday School resumes next week, please join us and invite a friend.*)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you,  
And build the land that God has planned,  
Where love shines through.**

(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading:	<b>Exodus 3:1-15</b>	(page 50)
	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	(page 556)
Second Reading:	<b>Romans 12:9-21</b>	(page 162)
	Matthew 16:21-28	(page 18)

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC “Your Eyes” -G. Norbet & M.D. Callahan (*Lois Buchholz*)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” -arr. D. Wagner

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

**Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*(Today we share Communion by Intinction. You will be invited forward to take a piece of bread. You may either dip it into the chalices (red – wine, white-grape juice) or take a small cup of juice. If you would like communion at your seat, please remain seated and a server will come to you. We do offer a Gluten Free Wafer please indicate to the Pastor as you come forward.)*

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving #414 “Eat This Bread” (*Sung by all*)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacramental Symbols

Communion Music “In Remembrance of Me” -arr. R. Douglas (*Lois Buchholz, soloist*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**We have come to this table, Great God, because we are poor and needy in things of the Spirit. Here we find refreshment and strength. As we leave, help us to share with others the love that we have found in you. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #602 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Praise the Lord on High” -R. Sawyer

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.*

*Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*