

Sunday Service for September 30, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” -arr. W. Held

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #28 “In the Name of the Lord”

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: We are gathered here with our hopes and longings!

All: We are here with our dreams and disappointments!

One: We are gathered here to play our part in the call for justice!

All: We are gathered to worship God in this place, offering all that we have in thanksgiving.

• GATHERING HYMN #17 “O Worship the King”

• AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*In unison*)

I believe in God, the foundation of creation which is all around us and in us. We see glimpses of God in the world which is our home and the universe which expands beyond our imagination. We see God revealed in the earth as it nourishes us while renewing itself. We see God in the miracle of life as it comes into existence, produces offspring and dies. We experienced God in the human family, and especially in Jesus of Nazareth. His life was so unique that in Jesus we see God’s nature revealed as a model for our lives. Jesus was not bound by the human barriers established in his day, but accepted the outcasts and extended his welcome to everyone. He advocated peace by demanding justice for all. Jesus was sentenced and killed by his enemies and yet he continues to be present with all who open their hearts to him. In the midst of the distractions of human activity God’s spirit calls followers of Jesus into communities and unites them in one church. The spirit reminds us God is ever-present. Sustained by Christ’s love, we answer the call to reflect God with our lives.

• SILENT REFLECTION

• 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 #493 (*Verse 1*) (*Sung by all*)

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.

We have one God, one Holy Lord.

We have one faith, only one Love.

Just one baptism, one holy Spirit,

one Comforter sent from God above.

(Repeat as necessary)

CHILDREN'S TIME

INTERLUDE "Walk With Me" (*Sung by all*)

(Children ages 3 years – 8th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School downstairs in Kurth Hall. Parents, please remember to pick up your children downstairs following worship.)

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: **Psalm 124** (*page 572*)

Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22 (*page 448*)

Second Reading: **Mark 9:38-50** (*page 45*)

James 5:13-20 (*page 231*)

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Peace of God" -M. Wiley

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT by William Thon

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Cantilena” -R. Lau

• 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*)

Loving God accept these gifts and let them be a symbol of our desire, and commitment to stand with you through all sorrow and joy, all despair and hope. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN “O God of Generations” (*See insert*)

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Go Forth in Peace” -H. Turner

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. Emanuel now offers GIVE+ for online giving. If you have any questions on how to use this application, please contact the church office.

O God of Generations

1. O God of gen - er - a - tions, with thanks we now re -
 2. To - day, while moun - tains trem - ble with change on ev - 'ry
 3. You dwell a - mong your peo - ple; from this our fu - ture

call all those who built be - fore us in
 side, God, be our firm foun - da - tion, our
 grows, a tree be - side the riv - er where

an - swer to your call. You spoke and formed a
 pre - sent help and guide. Re - claim our wan - d'ring
 crys - tal wa - ter flows. Re - new your lis - t'ning

peo - ple and claimed them as your own. Build
 spir - its that we may hear your voice. Be -
 peo - ple, that we may do your will. Re -

us in - to your dwell - ing with Christ as cor - ner - stone.
 cause you still are speak - ing we lis - ten and re - joice.
 form us, God, re - build us, for you are speak - ing still!