

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Prelude in e, BWV 533, 1 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near Vincent Persichetti
O God, unseen, yet ever near, Reveal Thy presence now, While we, in love that hath no fear,
Before Thy glory bow. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Lamentations Scott Brunger, liturgist
Leader: The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in the Lord.

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, the Lord’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Leader: The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, the Lord’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 516** (blue hymnal) Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation *O quanta qualia*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Powerful yet merciful God, in your presence now, we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as your gift of peace, we remain a people divided as we cling to the shallow values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. We have failed to confront the evil among us and been silent to oppression. Lord, set us free to serve in your world as agents of the reconciling love of Jesus Christ.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal)

Henry W. Greatorex

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.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

II Kings 5:1-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 30

SERMON

“Gobsmacked”

Rev. Ann Brunger

***HYMN NO. 505** (blue hymnal) Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

St. Flavian

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

From *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and for other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight; to hope for what we have not seen.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM At the River

adapt. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angels feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God. Yes we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we’ll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. (Refrain)

Traditional

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

The congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either side of the aisle.

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Alma Redemptoris Mater Marcel Dupré

Loving Mother of the Redeemer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in e, BWV 533, 2 J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Pam Potocik and John Salsbery.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Eva James and Sam Phillips

GREETERS: John and Kathy Shilling

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Daniel and Amanda Collins, Emma Adamcik

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Women of the Chancel Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Bob and Sue Murrian

SENIOR USHER: Gordon Greeson

USHERS: Brian Bonnyman, John Styron, Scott Brunger, Tom Byerley, Georgann Byerley

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Sky and Kathy Huck for Kathy's mother, who loved flowers.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. This offering, brought each "First Sunday," is our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session for Sunday, July 11 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the search committee for the Director of Christian Formation and Lay Ministries.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, July 5 and will reopen on Tuesday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m.

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH'S *Prelude and Fugue in e*, an early work believed to date from between 1700 and 1708, is reminiscent of the improvisatory North German style he studied and observed while in Lüneburg and during a subsequent visit to Dieterich Buxtehude in Lübeck in 1705. The prelude begins with rhapsodic and dramatic *stylus fantasticus* (fantastic style) and it seems that the music is being made up right on the spot before transitioning into a more regular pattern and structure based on alternating manual chords and pedal, punctuated at cadences by a pedal figure built from ascending thirds. The fugue's subject begins with repeated notes with mordents, a somewhat unusual feature that earned this prelude and fugue the nickname "The Night Watchman" (another being "The Cathedral").

THE FEATURED ARTIST in the Schilling Gallery for July and August, Bobbie Crews, will talk about her work following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on July 25. Everyone is invited to attend this interesting lecture.

FOUR DATES REMAIN OPEN for serving lemonade in the Schilling Gallery this summer. Everything you need is provided and set up for you. Please consider signing up for one of the following dates: **July 18 or 25, August 15 or September 5.**



THE "SHARE THE BOUNTY" TABLE is set up in the Schilling Gallery each Sunday. You may bring by your overflow of flowers, herbs and/or produce, and others may take whatever they can use. A donation may be made to benefit local food ministries.

FISH delivery is Thursday, July 8. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson. The more volunteers we have, the more food we can deliver to hungry families in our community. You are needed!

Upcoming SHOW Events

July 15 – Smokies Baseball

The youth have been invited to enjoy the game in a suite, complete with food and other refreshments. There is space available for 20 youth to sign up to attend at 6:30 p.m. If we have more than 20 youth sign up, we have another option that will accommodate 40 people.

August 7 – Tubing in Townsend

Folks of all ages are welcome to join us for a lazy ride down the river. The more the merrier!

KIDS PLAY DAY

July 5, 12, 19, 26

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Beginning July 5th, Kids Play Day will be offered each Monday in July for children ages newborn through 2nd grade. Friends and members of Westminster are invited to participate. The cost is \$8 per child per day, due at pick-up each Monday. The sitters are under the supervision of Angela Grobe, but are paid fully by the members participating in the program.

If your child has any food allergies, please notify Angela Grobe as soon as possible.

We ask that parents commit to dates in advance, by the Friday prior to the date you will attend.

Parents will be expected to pay for dates that are reserved, unless you cancel with Angela Grobe at least 24 hours in advance. We must be sure we have enough children participating to pay the sitter(s).

The sitters will arrive at 8:55 a.m. We have toys and games for the children, and you may bring your child's favorite book, game or movie to share for the day. Please call Angela Grobe at 556-8034 with any questions about the program.