

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 765

“Song of Hope”

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that’s new,
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

*THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

(please greet those sitting around you, especially
taking time to welcome those who are visiting)

*POSTLUDE

Open Choir Next Sunday

All interested singers are invited to join us for the Arts Fest Edition of Open Choir next Sunday, July 15. Come to the Choir Room at 9:00 and we’ll learn a brand new anthem written in honor of our restored Sanctuary. We’ll also learn service music and the hymns and lead worship at the 10:00 service. No robes, relaxing rehearsal, good fellowship! For more information contact Ned Wetherald (238-2422 or nedscpc@gmail.com).

You Are Invited

for coffee and fellowship in the Fireside Room
(downstairs) after the Worship Service

JULY 8, 2018
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:00 AM WORSHIP

(Where you see an asterisk (), please stand if you are able)*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Marche”

-Charles Gounod

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deannine Shipman

INTROIT

“The Lord Is God”

Hymn No. 63, Verse 1

**The Lord is God, the Lord alone!
Give honor, thanks, and praise to God,
the maker of all things and giver of our days.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dean Lindsey

Leader: Let us seek the Word of life.

People: Blessed are those who hear the Word.

Leader: Let us draw closer to the Holy One.

People: Blessed are those who hold fast to the Lord.

Leader: Let us attend to the Spirit of Truth.

People: Blessed are those who bear fruit for God’s kingdom.

*HYMN No. 626

“As the Deer”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, there is a hunger within us, a hunger for life in the fullness of joy. We confess that we try to satisfy our hunger through habits that lead us away from the joy we seek. Too often, we set our calendars with little attention to what truly matters, filling our time with pursuits that exclude you. We listen to the tempting sounds of the world, filling our ears with harmful voices and not your own healing voice. We think about what we can buy to

make ourselves happy, filling our hearts with selfish desires that exclude the needs of others. Forgive us Lord for mistaking spiritual junk food for that which is wholesome and life-giving. Help us to satisfy fully our deepest hunger, by opening our hearts and souls to the spiritual banquet of true life in communion with Your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ginny Rainey

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 56:1-8 Page 599
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "How Beautiful" -Twila Paris
Carrie and Rebecca Koch

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Summer Sunday School continues today with "SUNDAY LIFT: Intergenerational Experience #2 for children and parents". Parents are more than welcome to join us TODAY for Summer Sunday School to see what we can learn TOGETHER, but children are also welcome to come to class on their own. Come to Room 10.

SONG AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME Hymn 487, verse 2
"These Treasured Children"

**Our ancient story we shall tell,
till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:26-40 Page 892

SERMON "How can I understand?" Dean Lindsey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN NO. 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From a "Brief Statement of Faith"
(page 38, paragraph 4)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory "Voluntary No. 1" Paul F. Page

*Doxology Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

Music During Communion

"You Are My All in All" -Dennis Jernigan
Carrie, Rebecca, and Kat Koch

Breaking of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup

All are invited to come forward, when directed by an usher, to commune by Intinction—taking a piece of bread or a gluten free wafer and dipping it in the cup. Those who wish may remain seated to be served by an Elder.