

Sunday, March 11, 2018

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

(We ask you to please sign the "Welcome to Worship" pad, located at the end of the pew, next to the center aisle, and pass it along to your neighbor; then pass it back so that after the service you may take the opportunity to greet those sitting near you.)

Gathering Music *Lamb of God*..... Cathy Moklebust

Call to Worship (*responsive; from Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit. Let us worship God.

Lord, make us channels of your peace;

that where there is hatred, we may bring love,

that where there is wrong, we may bring the spirit of forgiveness,

that where there is discord, we may bring harmony,

that where there is error, we may bring truth,

that where there is doubt, we may bring faith,

that where there is despair, we may bring hope,

that where there are shadows, we may bring light,

that where there is sadness, we may bring joy.

Lord, grant that we may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted;

to understand, than to be understood:

to love, than to be loved;

for it is by giving that one receives;

it is by self-forgetting that one finds;

it is by forgiving that one is forgiven;

it is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen.

*Hymn 569 *Living for Jesus a Life That Is True* Living

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord of the just and the unjust, we confess that your ways puzzle us and your commands are difficult. It is not easy to bless those who insult us and to pray for those who abuse us. You summon us to love the ungrateful and the selfish just as we love those who are kind and generous. We've failed at this. In your mercy, God, forgive us. Deliver us from bitterness. Rescue us from resignation. And grant us trust in your mercy and justice... (*personal prayers of confession continue in silence*)

Assurance of Forgiveness and How We Are Called to Live

*Hymn 507 *I Then Shall Live* Finlandia
(stanza 1)

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gospel for Children (*9:15 a.m.*)

(*The children are dismissed for church school – all parents are certainly permitted to escort their children to class, but those children 5 and younger must be escorted by a parent.*)

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* S. Temple
arr. Mark Barnard

*Presentation of the Offering – *Doxology*

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

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27-38 (p. 838)

Sermon Giving Up... Enemies Scott D. Brown

Hymn 556 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* St. Catherine
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others

*Hymn 632 *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Sending Music *Voluntary in D minor* William Boyce

Time of Greeting and Fellowship

Go Forth to Serve in the Name of Christ!

*Please stand if you are able

Bold Italic print indicates congregational response

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Service..... 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
 Church School 9:35 a.m.
 Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 a.m.
 Youth Choir Rehearsals..... 11:00 a.m.

Childcare (for infants through age 3) is provided during the worship service.

A family room is available for parents of infants—the service is video-streamed live to this room.

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