

Celebration of Worship

August 5, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for lemonade in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“Ordinary bread made by ordinary people is holy when we take, eat, and remember. Ordinary grapes taken by ordinary people made into ordinary wine is holy when we hold it to our lips and drink and remember.

This bread...remember his body was given for you.

This wine...remember his blood was poured out for us.

Bread and wine, from ordinary to holy...REMEMBER”

Ann Weems

MORNING WORSHIP

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

Trio – Sonata in C Minor

Quantz

Andante Moderato

Rachel McKay, Sally Turner – flute; Pat Korenkiewicz - piano

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

People: We see people who model for us God’s joyous embrace of all people!

Leader: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

People: We hear God’s hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.

Leader: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

All: We will do only One Thing: Welcome everyone in God’s name!

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN

Break Thou the Bread of Life

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message Energizer music from VBS – *“My Lighthouse”*

Prayer

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

They are there in the Bible: men and women who are as weak, as foolish, as prone to sin as we are. Every page, every story reveals to us our own brokenness. Yet, on every page, every story tells of the One who longs to make us whole. Let us confess our sins, and clear the way for God’s reconciling love to work within us. Please join me as we pray the unison prayer.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (in unison)

In the mirror we call Holy Scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think that they should, and ignore our own failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life of our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to acquire more and more, ignoring the needs of others.

Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus’ feet so we may learn the balanced life that you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking our own wounds and bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Allegro

Quantz

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

p. 845

MEDITATION

Only One Thing

Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

Sharing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving (responsively)

May the One who embraces us be with you.

And also with you.

Children of God, lift your hearts
to the One who makes you welcome in every moment.

We lift them up to the Lord our God who is our host at this meal.

People of God, offer your praise and thanksgiving
to the One who comes bringing new life to us.

**The sad dirges of our lives become praise songs
for the One who makes us whole.**

The Invitation

The Communion (by intinction)

Special Music - Larghetto Quantz

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

* HYMN *I'll Praise My Maker* # 253

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING (responsively)

Leader: God send us from this place with our eyes wide open.

All: May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.

Leader: Jesus calls us all to leave this place and go out into the world
and listen.

**All: We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world; we
will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.**

People: The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and
brother.

All: May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS