

Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017

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

“Christians do not simply learn or study or use scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus’ name, hands raised in adoration to the Father, feet washed in company with the Son.”

Eugene Peterson

God Invites Us to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

OPENING WORDS

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* # 457

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God Speaks through the Word

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Looking in the Mirror*

Prayer

Children in Kindergarten and older remain in worship with their families.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 11:25-30* p. 792

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS *Ephesians 4:1-24* p. 951

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON *What a Real Christian Looks Like:* Part 1 of 4

Seeing a Strong Family Resemblance

Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

We Respond in Rededication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

We believe that we are the light of the world. We believe we should let our light shine before others so that they may see our good works and bring glory to our Father in heaven.

We believe that our love should be genuine. We believe that we should hate what is evil, and that we should hold fast to what is good.

We believe that if we live in the Spirit, we should also be guided by the Spirit.

We believe that we should not become conceited, compete against one another, or envy one another.

We believe that we are God’s chosen ones. We believe that we should clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

We believe that we are called to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

* HYMN *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* # 408

Verses 1, 3, 4 and 6

We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

THE MORNING OFFERING

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* HYMN *I Danced in the Morning* # 302

* BENEDECTION

* POSTLUDE