

Celebration of Worship to Our God
The Season of Pentecost
Celebrating Differences Sunday

June 3, 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 coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Contemplation

“Oftentimes, people with disabilities are overlooked. They should be looked at as gifts and not be pitied. The disability doesn’t define them. They are a person,” she said. “I have a son with Down syndrome. He is a unique individual who is made in God’s image. Quite often folks with disabilities are looked on with pity or in need of charity. But that’s not what we are about. We are about including everyone in the life of the church.”

The 217th General Assembly (2006) approved Living into the Body of Christ: Towards Full Inclusion of People with Disabilities, a PC(USA) policy calling for every church body to include people with disabilities in its life and leadership.

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Wood

We Offer Praise

WORDS IN PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: We gather together as people of God with all sorts of abilities,

Women and girls: With hopes, dreams and visions,

Men and boys: Glimpsing a time when there will no longer be insiders and outsiders.

All: For we are all held together in the love of God. Let us worship in the foretaste of that vision.

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE # 455

All Creatures of Our God and King!

* GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Speaks with a Heart of Love through the Word

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

(Children in Preschool through 5th Grade are dismissed for Sunday School.)

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL *John 5:1-16a* CEB

Luke 5:17-20 CEB

SERMON Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

Welcoming Differences in the Circle of God’s Amazing Hospitality

Video Clips

1. John Paul (Born Prematurely – 1 pound, 12 ounces)
2. Ruby (Stromme Syndrome)
3. Unique Brothers – Andy (Deaf with Goldenhar syndrome). His brother, Jaimeson (Traacher Collins), is Andy’s interpreter and best friend.

POEM *Access Your Heart* Insert

STATEMENT OF FAITH Confession of 1967

Reader 1: The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world’s poor is the cause of his disciples...A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs...is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence, makes a mockery of reconciliation, and offers no acceptable worship to God...

Reader 2: ...For us to remain indifferent to those who are needy and exploited, in this case those with disabilities who have been marginalized and disenfranchised from various parts of society is to...“offer no acceptable worship to God.”

All: We are thus called to be advocates in the wider society, working with others with disabilities, their families, friends, associates and advocates, for full inclusion of people in all parts of social life. In doing so, the church looks beyond “all partial achievement”...to the final triumph of God – full participation in life abundant.

(p. 15, Living Into the Body of Christ:

Towards Full Inclusion of People with Disabilities.)

* SONG *Jesu, Jesu* # 367

God Speaks with a Heart of Love through the Sacrament

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FORGIVENESS OFFERED

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (responsively)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

INVITATION

THE INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WE SHARE THE FEAST

COMMUNAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

arr. Brunner

Chancel Choir

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you out to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

Insert – verses 1-3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* POSTLUDE

Finale in F

Widor

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS

* * * * *

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

Today, June 3rd

Next Sunday, June 10th

Old Testament

I Samuel 3:1-20

I Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15

Psalm

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Psalms 138

New Testament

II Corinthians 4:5-12

II Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Gospel

Mark 2:23 – 3:6

Mark 3:20-35