

08/23/2020

Sunday: Proper 16, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side- let the people now say,

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

The flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

We give you all praise, O God of salvation. We come with devotion to you, O Christ our redeemer. We honor you, O Holy Spirit, our source of encouragement; one God who sustains us with your love and your presence. Hear our words of reverence as we bow down before you. Grace us with your presence, that we may learn of your way. Amen.

HYMN: The Church of Christ in Every Age (320)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, forgive us for allowing living water to be fouled. There are times when we blame you for all our troubles, and cast upon you the waste in our lives. Our wants are insatiable through misuse of your mercy; we tap your good graces with unending requests. We let the waters of our baptism become barren and stagnant; new life cannot flourish when we don't do your will. Cleanse us through Christ, in whose name we confess to you, and bathe us with mercy to give us fresh hope. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The words of Scripture remind us that "baptism now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Being baptized into Christ, we may approach God with assurance that Christ intercedes on our behalf, and we may hear once again that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-8

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: A Place at the Table

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (727)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Apostle's Creed

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. On 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Great Shepherd of the sheep, we confess faith in your mercy as we bring you our offerings. Use them to further your work. May our talents be useful in serving your people, and our time filled with obeying your will. The money we give is in response to your graciousness. Accept it as part of renewed commitment to Christ. Amen.

HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (700)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE