

11/08/2020

Sunday: Proper 27, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

We will tell of your glorious deeds, O Lord, and the wonders that you have done.

Tell your children and your children's children that they should set their hope in God.

And not forget your works, O God, but keep your commandments.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

We incline our ears to the words of your mouth and will tell of your glorious deeds, O Lord. Your righteousness is like streams of goodness washing our soul. You purify the thoughts of our minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and sanctify our actions by the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. We appear now before you as children renewed by your mercy, to give you all praise in response to your grace. Amen.

HYMN: Seek Ye First (175)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Far be it from us that we should forsake you, O Lord, to serve other gods. Yet, we confess our allegiance is not what it should be. You brought our ancestors out of Egypt, yet we do not always trust you to hear of our needs. You protected them all along the way that they went; yet we wonder if you hear us when we cry to you. We hear you are a jealous God and will not forgive our transgressions or our sins, yet we are bold to lay them before you and implore you, have mercy upon us and give us your grace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul delivers words of comfort when he writes, "May the God of peace . . . sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." God who calls you is faithful and in Christ we hear again the words of assurance, we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:1-13

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Divine Insurance

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (85)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.32)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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:

Wherever we look we see your grandeur about us. All that we have is a gift of your grace. You fill each day with bountiful blessings and keep us mindful of how you care for our needs. We return to you now what you have already provided; may it be a symbol of our thanksgiving and love. Enhance their effectiveness and multiply our efforts, so that Christ's mission may spread to wherever there is need. Amen.

HYMN: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers (362)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 14th Steve Shogren