

10/11/2020

Sunday: Proper 23, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare the praise God is due?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, all, O God, are gifts of your grace. We gather to sing you our praises and to tell of your virtues in the midst of our neighbors. Your commandments are just; they give us direction. Your covenant encompasses us and in Christ knits us together. We give you all honor as we rejoice in your glory! Amen.

HYMN: There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (408)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Christ, we confess that we, too, make light of your invitation. We are reluctant to come when the feast is made ready. Our time is committed; business is pressing. We are afraid we will be with the wrong people. At times dissention hinders our response. We are not at peace with those likewise invited. We are in need of forgiveness to heal our divisions, and a measure of mercy to partake of your grace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Scripture reminds us that the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Jesus has taught that he is the bread of life. Whoever lives and believes in Jesus Christ as the bread of life has eternal life. Therein abides our assurance of pardon and renewal. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:1-14

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Your RSVP

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (367)

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:

Gracious God, you call us to be agents of Christ's way. We accept the commission as we confess faith in his will. What we now offer reflects our commitment. Accept our labors as befitting your righteousness. Enhance our endeavors by sending your Spirit. May our obedience be worthy of your continuing trust. Amen.

HYMN: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (343)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE