

10/18/2020

Sunday: Proper 24, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

You are the Lord; let the peoples tremble! You sit enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

You are exalted over all the peoples. Hear us as we praise your great and awesome name. You indeed are holy!

Lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

We will extol you, O Lord our God, and worship at your footstool.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

All of our lives are full of your mercy, O God; wherever we turn you are sure to be there. If we are found in the depths of depression, you lift up our spirits with the hope of new life. When we bound to the heights of ecstasy, you rejoice with us and make our feet light. You surround us with your Spirit who knows our needs before we announce them. We give you all praise, O God of all life. Amen.

HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory (307)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lover of justice, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve you is to obey you. At times fidelity to others gets in our way. Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare. Mores and customs become mandates; higher loyalties are put aside. We confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face obligations, and reclaim us from error when we obey not your will. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah when he wrote: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when . . . I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people . . . for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Therein lies our assurance. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:15-22

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: God's Party

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (716)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*taken from "The Shorter Catechism" 7.039-7.042*):

What is the duty which God requireth of man?

The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, will all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

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:

O God, we hear about the cost of discipleship. Nothing less than our whole life is required. We dedicate these gifts in response to Christ's call, and offer ourselves in full commitment. Take us and mold us according to his will. We pray that who we are may be acceptable, what we do may find favor, and that which we give will reflect your love. Amen.

HYMN: God Be with You Till We Meet Again (542)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE