

09/27/2020
Sunday: Proper 21, 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 to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done.

How in the daytime the Lord led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come into God's courts with praise!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

O God, your grandeur towers above the highest peaks; your strength can make them tremble and fall. Your love is deeper than the valleys of the oceans, and as encompassing as the water that covers the earth. In Christ Jesus you call us your children and through him your word is forever made known. Be with us now as in Christ's name we gather. Accept our praises as we confess him Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (475)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often we do not do what we intended! What we confess is now how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are called for. Our desires are at odds with what you command and we do not do what you wish. O God, have mercy upon us and in Christ forgive us. Give us the strength to do your will. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Again, hear the words of Paul when he writes that God has bestowed to Christ "the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." As we make our confession we have the assurance that the exalted Christ intercedes on our behalf. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Open-Door Policy

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (65)

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:

As we are called to be faithful in our work, O God, accept our gifts as we seek to respond. May our hearts be as willing as your grace is reassuring. May our faith be as firm as your forgiveness that frees us. May our decisions be as deliberate as your righteousness that delivers us. You have called us your own, O Christ. We confess you as Lord of all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

HYMN: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (81)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE