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Sunday: Proper 17, Year A

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, and call on your name.

**We will make known your deeds among the peoples, sing you our praises and tell of all your wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

### PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**As we mention your name, O God, our hearts are glad. We dare to come before you with praise and thanksgiving. You have been there for us during times of trial and hardship. You have brought us through many a crisis and care. We owe it to you each time we act wisely, for every thought that promotes goodness and each deed that helps others. Hear us now as we sing you our praises. Be pleased with our worship as we call on your name. Amen.**

HYMN: Praise God for This Holy Ground (405)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**You say to hate evil, yet we seek to get even with those who hurt us. We are to love one another, yet we choose some over others. When it comes time to serve you we are not that zealous to act. We do not pray as we ought, nor do we seek your guidance often enough. Forgive us, O God, our wayward behavior and help us to live in harmony with one another. Thereby through your grace and mercy may we live peaceably with all. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, contribute to the needs of the saints, and extend hospitality to strangers. For in so doing you will live the new life promised by the Risen Christ and show forth the love of God in whom abides the assurance, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

## GLORIA PATRI

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-15

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: The Ultimate Calling

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: The God of Abraham Praise (49)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from Heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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:

O God, we offer those gifts you bestow abundantly upon us. Take them and blend them into a composite of commitment. Empower our hands to reach out to others. Enlighten our minds to perceive clearly your will. May the money we offer support the church's endeavors, as in Christ's name we seek faithfully to respond to your will. Amen.

COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them. Then, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God, creator of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you and to live in peace with your creation. When we rebelled against you, you did not abandon us, but sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of you glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of the life that we know. You anointed Jesus Christ with your Spirit to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to give sight to the blind, and to liberate the oppressed, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor. In his baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit. Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Words of Institution

#### Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world- because in Jesus Christ you have loved us. **Amen.**

HYMN: God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (331)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE