

08/30/2020  
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: (from *A Brief Statement of Faith: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, 11.4)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life . . . In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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.

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE