

08/09/2020

Sunday: Proper 14, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and is so justified, and one confesses with the mouth and is so saved.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

O God, we gather to hear of the mighty acts you perform, of how you deal justly with your people. You have led them from peril and delivered them from persecution. By the hands of Christ, you lift us up to safe places, and give us a vision of how we may dwell secure in your love. Hear us now as we give thanks for your providence and praise for your mercy. Amen.

HYMN: Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (444)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. By ignoring injustice, we hope it will subside. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have stayed by their side. Even Christ overcame his enemies as he hung on the cross. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge in Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

As God has driven the sea back by a strong east wind, dividing the waters and making of the sea a dry land, so now in Christ, God gives us a rock upon which to stand. Today, know that Christ is merciful and intercedes on our behalf. He is our redeemer in whom we rest forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-33 and Luke 7:7-9

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Great Faith

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: How Firm a Foundation (463)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: Terri Hegna

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, we go forth to serve you, wherever Christ calls us. Bless our endeavors to make his name known. May all that we do be unto your glory, the talents we offer are the gifts of your love. As you accept us in Christ, so also acknowledge our efforts. Use what is of value to further his teachings, and what is inadequate enhance with your grace. Hear this our prayer, O God of benevolence! Amen.

HYMN: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (353)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE