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Sunday: Proper 12, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but as Christ intercedes on our behalf we are emboldened to come before your throne of grace. You make us mindful of your bountiful care as each morning we arise to greet the dawn of a new day. As we enter the sanctuary we behold your countenance in the eyes of sisters and brothers. As your Word is read and proclaimed we hear how you have been faithful throughout the ages. Be pleased with our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your goodness in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

HYMN: God, How Can We Forgive (445)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul assures us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, and intercedes for us according to God's will. In Jesus Christ, God calls us, and God conforms us to Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit let us also rest assured in the promise. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:26-39

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Closing the Gap

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (833)

-PAUSE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-

DECLARE A QUORUM

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (honk if you have a nomination)

MOVEMENT TO CLOSE THE FLOOR (honk to vote)

-RESUME WORSHIP SERVICE-

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF BILL NOONAN

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Ruling Elder to be Ordained (Clerk of Session presents)

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness, and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Constitutional Questions (Clerk of Session asks questions to congregation) (honk for yes)

Prayer after Ordination/Laying on of Hands (those previously ordained, step out of your vehicles and extend your hand towards Bill)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God . . . Amen.

Declaration of Ordination

Welcome (honking of horns)

Charge to Elder- 1 Peter 4:7-11

Charge to Congregation- Philippians 2:5-11

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:

HYMN: O God, in a Mysterious Way (30)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE