

Service For The Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

All: They will say of the Lord, "God is my refuge and fortress, the one in whom we trust.

One: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the refuge of God's wings.

All: They will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day.

One: "Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord.

All: O Lord, we call to you now. Show us your salvation.

Prayer of Invocation

***Gathering Song**

Be Thou My Vision

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***Prayer of Confession**

All: Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray, when we don't see or recognize your gifts for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg you for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others. As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: God of Abraham, of Moses and the prophets, we pray that your word will not fall on deaf ears, on closed minds, or on hardened hearts. May the truth that is spoken today transform our minds and our hearts, unveiling the richness of your love, the depth of your grace, and the goodness of your mercy.

All: Lord, may your mercy transform us, always. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Tune: Gloria Patri, Henry W. Greatorex, 1851, Public Domain.

God's Word for Little Ears *A Wonderful World of Many Colors* **Rev David Schaffner**
2 Peter 1:5-8

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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One: The Word of the Lord .

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 113

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One: The Word of the Lord .

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Message

Prayerful Living

Rev David Schaffner

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

All: 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[The Apostles Creed]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology*

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All: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: A-men.*

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Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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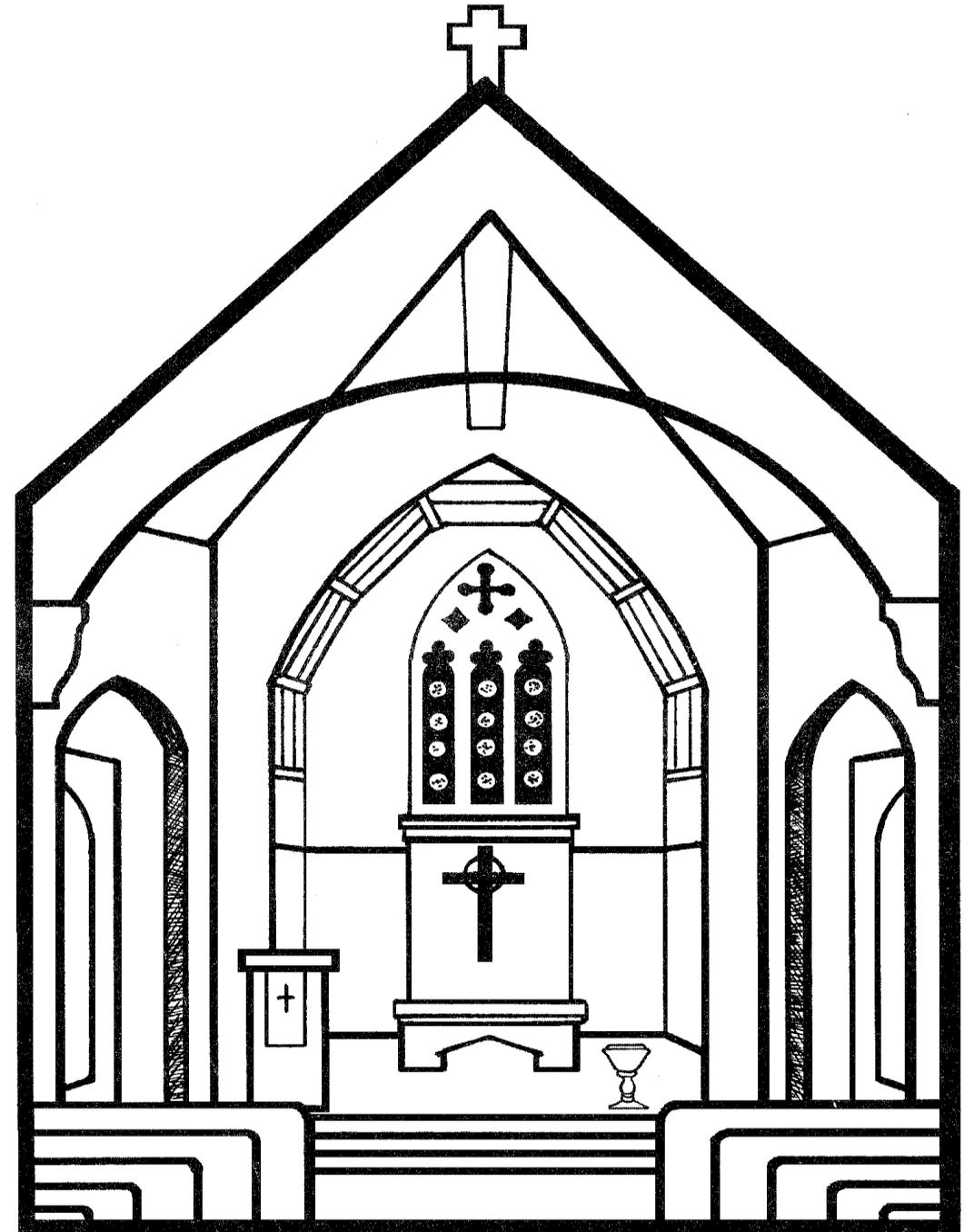
***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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*Please stand, if you are able.

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