

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2008 – 11:00 A.M.

*All who are able are invited to stand

We Gather as a Faith Community

Chiming of the Trinity

The three bells rung at the beginning of the service represent the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the bells ring, let us gather quietly, prayerfully reflecting on the majesty of God in our lives.

Greeting and Welcome

To Praise the Living God

Centering Music

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

Bob Duffell-Hoffman, Liturgist

This is the day which the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord is my God, and I will give thanks to him;

The Lord is my God, I will extol him.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation

Great and glorious God, in your wisdom you created us, in Jesus Christ you came to redeem us, and through your Holy Spirit you guide and sanctify us. Grant us breath to sing of your majesty, and with all creation, praise you as the true life of all; through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

*Hymn 230

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made

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To Confess Our Sins and Receive Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

To revere you is the beginning of wisdom, O God, and to confess our sins leads to repentance. We acknowledge the wrongs we commit against you, against others, and even against our own

elves. We neglect or transgress our vows to you; we neglect or in some way mistreat others; we neglect to take care of or in some way mistreat our own body, mind and spirit. Forgive us for not revering you enough, and for not respecting others enough, and for not appreciating enough the life you have graciously given us. Help us to amend our ways, through the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Silent Reflection and Personal Confession

Response 572

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing of Christ's Peace

Friends, hear the good news: Christ delivers those who are truly sorry and repent of their sins. Christ intercedes on our behalf before the judgment seat of Almighty God. Christ cleanses us and makes us fit to dwell in God's heavenly dominion.

Because of the great sacrifice by Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are accepted anew by God. All praise be to him.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*Hymn 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

To Experience God's Word

Message for Children

Bob Duffell-Hoffman

Anthem (*see insert*)

This Is The Day

Natalie Sleeth

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 58:13-14; Mark 2:23-3:6

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Terrible Freedom of Sunday"

Dr. John Wilkerson

*Hymn (Supplement, Page 13) Take Time to Be Holy

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