

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 23, 2017

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Come, Holy Comforter

ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from John 15:26-16:14)

Leader: The Spirit guides us into all the truth;

People: For He declares to us the things which are to come.

Leader: The Spirit of God glorifies us;

People: For He takes what is Christ's, and declares it to us.

Leader: The Spirit of truth has come from the Father;

People: And the Spirit testifies on Christ's behalf.

Leader: We also are to testify;

People: For we have been with Christ from the beginning.

HYMN #454

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: we confess that we have not prepared our hearts for Your Holy Spirit. We have been slow to serve You, and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love. O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive our violence and divisions, and by Your Spirit, draw us together. Look upon us with mercy and fill our hearts with flaming desires to do Your will. Inspire us to serve Your kingdom and to be a faithful people; for the sake of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Christ Beside Me

(insert)

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

'Tis Me, O Lord
Katie Cornett, mezzo-soprano

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:22-27

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Sighs Too Deep for Words”

Rev. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #326

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
verses 1 and 3

MORECAMBE

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Weaver

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #253

I'll Praise My Maker
verses 1 and 2

OLD 113th

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today’s Lay Reader is Christopher Smart.