



# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

**PRELUDE**.....Linda Strassen-Benjamin  
*Sing Hallelujah*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Jonathan Martell

Leader: God's mercies never end; they are new every morning.  
We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

**PEOPLE: WE WILL SING OUR SONGS OF PRAISE.  
WE WILL PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.**

Leader: Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go.  
Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.

**PEOPLE: WE WILL COMMIT ALL OUR WAYS TO GOD.  
WE WILL WAIT PATIENTLY FOR ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS.**

Leader: By God's grace, we are gathered for worship.  
In God's love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.

**UNISON: WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TOGETHER BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
WE WILL TREASURE THIS SPECIAL TIME IN SACRED SPACE.**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**..... (see screen)  
*I Exalt Thee (Pete Sanchez, Jr.)*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Making Your presence known among us, O God, for the foundations of our lives are shaking. We grieve in loneliness amid the crowds. We huddle in fear because of the violence that surrounds us. Cities are ravaged, and rural areas are not safe. We are exiled from the homeland of our dreams. Draw us to Yourself, gracious God, that we may experience Your reign among us. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**.....CH. 35  
*Glory Be to the Fat*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

**FIRST READING** (pg. 852).....Luke 17:5-10

**ANTHEM**.....Lloyd Larson  
*As We Gather At Your Table*

**SECOND READING** (pg. 502).....Psalm 137

**MESSAGE**.....Pastor Mark Poindexter

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY**.....David Haas  
*You Are Mine*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We are grateful to You, O God, for the faith we have inherited. We give thanks for the courage and faithfulness of ancestors who suffered for the gospel that we might know Your love. We join with them in putting our trust in You. May we match their generosity and self-discipline, seeking above all else to know Your will and do it. To that end, we dedicate our offerings. Amen.

**\*GIVE THANKS**.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 423  
*Become to Us the Living Bread*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Leo Gibbs

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Lois Pyles

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....Chris Tomlin  
*Jesus Loves Me*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 587**

***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Peter Lutkin**

***The Lord Bless You and Keep You***

**‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth remain in church**

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mary Bond, Shannon Houck, Brian Mills, Katie Mills



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.*

*We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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