



Service for the Lord's Day
with Communion

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A.D. September 5, 2010 – 8:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend.

We're pleased that you have joined us as fellow workers in God's kingdom.

GATHERING MUSIC "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made" Crüger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.)

MINUTE FOR THE ALL CHURCH PICNIC Kim Whiteley

***CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** (Hymn No. 138 vs. 1)
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" Rev. 4:8-11

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Judith A. Lewison, based on Psalm 27*)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: I have no reason to fear.

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: God hides me in the shelter of God's hand in time of trouble,

Leader: And lifts me up and sets me high on a rock.

People: One thing I ask of you, O Lord, is that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life.

Leader: Show me your ways. Teach me the paths you would have me follow.

People: I know I can wait for you, Lord, for my courage comes from you.

***HYMN** No. 344

"Christ of the Upward Way"

SURSUM CORDA

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Artistic and Imaginative Potter, we are clay formed by your hands, we are fired in the kiln of Your love, you make us ready vessels promising to fill us with Your Living Love, Your Water of Life, and Your Holy Word. You've formed us ready to receive, open and empty. You gave us and give us life, yet we sometimes live in ways that scratch our pretty glaze, or crack our forms, until we're chipped and broken, leaking love, lacking true life. Forgive us, O God, if we misused this gift of life and love you have given us. Repair us, make us whole again, that we might be for you, your soulful useful art.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, full of forgiveness, abounding in love and overflowing with blessing. Receive the gift of forgiveness; live this day with new hope and strength to love.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with words and signs of peace.)

***RESPONSE TO PARDON** Gloria Patri (Hymn No. 579)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11

(Pew Bible Page No. 752, Large Print Bible Page No. 1203)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"You are the Potter, We are the Clay"

The Rev. Dr. John Morgan

*Congregation standing

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stewardship is a part of what we do about what we believe.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymn No. 554)

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise;
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and to celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(We will come forward to receive the bread and the cup by intinction.
Please exit the pew to your left and return by the aisle to your right.)*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

***HYMN** (insert) “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” ADELAIDE

***SENDING**

***DISMISSAL MUSIC** “Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds” Williams

Peace Pearl: *Peacemaking ultimately must begin at a grassroots level. It begins with you.*

Next Sunday, September 12, 2010 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Service for the Lord’s Day with Communion – Chapel
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Christine Thomas Hall
10:00 a.m. Niles Class
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Morgan
Sermon: “Rejoice With Me”
Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

CHURCH STAFF

All members of the CongregationMinisters of the Church
The Rev. Dr. John E. Morgan Senior Pastor
The Rev. Allison J. Beaulieu Associate Pastor
Mr. James R. Spark Director of Music Ministry
Mrs. Wendy R. Smith..... Director of Christian Education
Mrs. Virginia M. Melody Director of the Caring Company

OUR PURPOSE

Share the Gospel, making new disciples for Christ.
Encourage disciples to grow in faith through study and fellowship.
Equip disciples to use their gifts in service to God.
Celebrate faithfully in the joyful worship of God.
Care for one another.

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