



# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2015

## 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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Ivy Kelly

Leader: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.  
Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

PEOPLE: **OH, THAT WE KNEW WHERE TO FIND GOD!  
WE WANT TO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD.**

Leader: The word of God is living and active.  
It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

PEOPLE: **WE CANNOT HIDE FROM GOD WHO KNOWS US.  
GOD UNDERSTANDS OUR THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS.**

Leader: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.  
This is the time to embrace new ways.

UNISON: **HERE WE SET THE PATTERNS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE.  
HERE WE ARE STRENGTHENED FOR EVERY DAY'S CHALLENGES.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Ava Everett

\*WORSHIP HYMN *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We seek to gather as children of Your realm, reigning God. This is the time and place of Your dominion. We recognize that You, not we, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know. Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach You with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that Your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and Your guidance is ever available to those who ask. We ask these 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 Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING *(pg. 259)*.....2 Samuel 22:3

ANTHEM

SECOND READING *(pg. 228)*.....1 Samuel 17:45

MESSAGE *5 Smooth Stones*

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, God, for the wealth You have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find peace to help in time of need. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN *10,000 Reasons*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD..... Matthew Mills

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Emily Vinson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*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**

*Down to the River*

*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**

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder

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

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Lauren Terry, Corbyn Milam  
Jonathan Martell, Nathan Loftis



*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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