

PASTOR

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September 11, 2016

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Where Were You?" Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock

***Song of Hope** #2144 "In All Our Grief"

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed pg 14 in Hymnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** #592 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

***Song to Send Out** #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Benediction

Postlude

*those who are able may stand

Life in the Church

Greeters

September 11 - Todd & Beth Cobaugh
September 18 - Coss Family

Counters

September - T. Patrey & L. Tynan
October - L. Williams & C. Lessig

Fellowship

September - Church Live & Membership
L. Tynan & J. Coss)
October - Stewardship & Finance
(J & A Austin & J Leffler)

Communion Preparation

October-Trish Patrey



Our Mission

Our response to God's call for us to show and share the presence of Christ in the world is our mission to:

Nurture - helping people to see God working in their lives, enabling them to respond to God's call for wholeness.

Encourage - supporting one another in our faith walk, together experiencing Christ on a deeper personal level.

Celebrate - Inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn, work, and play together in our faith, sharing our joy with the world.

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10:00 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements & Events in the Life of the Church

Prelude

THE PREPARATION

Call to Worship (Leader; ALL)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,

though the earth should change, and the mountains shake.

God is our refuge and strength.

Though the waters roar and our security threatened,

God is our refuge and strength.

The LORD is our strength and our might,

God has become our salvation;

This is our God. Come, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Moment with the Children

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, with the breath of your word, you formed this world good, but we perverted your providence. So we are born into a twisted world, bent by its way.

Lord, in your mercy,

Make us new.

You made us to hunger after you, but we have become captive to selfish desires.

We turn our eyes from souls and bellies that are empty so we can stay gluttoned. Lord

in your mercy,

Make us new.

Prayer of Confession– continued

You made us to be in communion with one another, yet we're so afraid of others' expectations that we shut them out before they can get too near. We see them as a threat, label them bad, refuse their voice and presence as your children. Lord, in your mercy,

Make us new.

You alone are ruler of the universe, but we keep trying to take your job. We grab for power and seek control, doing violence to all who get in our way or challenge our truth. Lord in your mercy,

Make us new.

Basically, Lord, we want to be in charge, and we want it all, the way we want it, when we want it. In our dominance, we break communion with you as Lord and also with others. Lord in your mercy,

Make us new.

We stand exposed in the light of your eternal love, filled with death, yet longing for life. You alone have the power to break our bondage to sin.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Cover us with your compassion, and refashion us in your image. This we pray through Christ, our only hope.

Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

pg 16 in Hymnal

Song of Thanksgiving #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32: 7-14

pg 78 OT

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 1-10

pg 78 NT