

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 6th, 2013 20th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Organ Prelude and Chimes Welcome and Announcements

James Williams

The Church Gathers to Praise God

The Call to Worship (Lamentations 1:2-4; 3:22-23)

Leader: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

People: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.*

Leader: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

People: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.*

Leader: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

People: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!*

•Hymn 276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession (Colossians 1:20)

Leader: We turn to God in praise and prayer, not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives, from the broken edges of the world and the church.

People: *We offer our prayers of confession, trusting in the One who is reconciling all things.*

Leader: Let us pray together . . .

Prayer of Confession (Luke 17:5-11)

God of grace, You seek to grow new things within us. We confess that we don't give you much to work with. The seed of faith is small within us. Hope is hard to muster. Love is often inconvenient. Our brokenness keeps us from responding to you.

Have mercy on us. Stir us, empower us, redeem us, so that we might reach to you and move toward you, and grow in the ways of faith, hope and love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (II Timothy 1)

Leader: God, in Christ Jesus, grants us peace, mercy and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us, and has given us grace through all ages.

People: *We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Thanks be to God!*

•**Choral Response:** Hymn 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verse 3)
Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

Time With the Children

The Church Listens to God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
II Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Anthem "I Believe In God" Adult Choir

Homily "108 = 1" Rev. Philip W. Sommer

The Church Responds in Faith

Minute For Stewardship "Our Own Backyard"

The Prayers of the People Thanksgivings Intercessions

The Gifts of Lives & Tithes

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•**Communion Hymn 514** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTeAD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

•**Hymn 439** "In Christ There Is No East or West" ST. PETER

•**Benediction**

•**Congregational Response** “Go with Us Lord” #535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude

•Those who are able, please stand