

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

October 21st, 2018

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Generosity Sunday

11:00 am

*\*\*Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.*

**GATHERING****Ring of the Bell**

John Pilson

**Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes****Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)***Prelude****\*\*Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: . . . May the peace of Christ be with you!

*People: And also with you.***\*\*Gathering Song***"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**Blest be the tie that binds**Our hearts in Chris-tian love:**The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds**Is like to that a-bove.***WE APPROACH GOD****The Call to Worship**

Pastor: By the rivers of Babylon we wept when we remembered Zion. There on the willow trees we hung up our harps.

*People: There our captors asked us to joyfully sing, saying:**"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"*

Pastor: But how can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land. O Jerusalem may my right hand wither if I forget you! May I never sing again if I do not remember you!

*People: For the Kingdom of God is my highest joy!***\*\*Hymn of Adoration 310***"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"***\*\*Prayer of Adoration****Call to Confession****Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Dear Lord, You are the amazing God, the Creator of the universe, the One who has given us life itself. You are immense, yet You draw so near to us. You are all powerful, yet You tenderly hold us, broken and sinful as we are. We have fallen short of who You would have us to be and we have tried to do life our own way. Too many times we have ignored the needs of those around us, and not reached out our hands to help. We have been selfish and shortsighted, and have looked only to our own joy and fulfillment. Please forgive us. Cause us to begin again, following You more closely and tending to the Kingdom work You have given us. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.*

**Silent Prayer of Confession****Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: . . . In Christ you are forgiven.

*People: Hallelujah! Let us accept God's grace, and give thanks.***\*\*Celebration of God's Grace***"Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing"**(see panel 4 of the bulletin for text)***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Call for the Young People****Conversation with the Young People***(Young people may go downstairs for special activities following the conversation.)***Anthem***"A Gift of Love"*

Adult Choir

**Prayer for Illumination****New Testament Reading:** Luke 20:45-21:4

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.***Sermon***"The Widow and the Mite"*

Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****\*\*Hymn of Reflection 712***"As Though of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"*

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith** *(scripture based, compiled by J. Piper)*  
*We believe it is God's will that the universal Church find expression in local churches in which believers agree together to hear the Word of God proclaimed, to engage in corporate worship, to practice the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to build each other's faith through the manifold ministries of love, to hold each other accountable in the obedience of faith through Biblical discipline, and to engage in local and world evangelization. The Church is a body in which each member should find a suitable ministry for His gifts; it is the household of God in which the Spirit dwells; it is the pillar of God's truth in a truth-denying world; and it is a city set on a hill so that humankind may see the light of its good deeds – especially to the poor – and give glory to the Father in heaven.*

**\*\* Gloria Patri 581****Sharing of Joys & Concerns****Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**  
*Amen. Amen. Amen.**"Amen"***Invitation to the Offering****Reception of Tithes and Offerings****\*\*Doxology 606****\*\*Prayer of Dedication****SENDING****\*\*Hymn 733***"We All Are One in Mission"***\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Congregational Response** *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*  
*Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi-on shall be given  
 the bright-est glo-ries earth can yield,  
 and bright-er bliss of heaven.*

**Postlude**

**“Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing”**

*Your love is a-maz-ing,  
stead-y and un-chang-ing.  
Your love is a moun-tain,  
firm be-neath my feet.  
Your love is a mys-t’ry,  
how You gent-ly lift me.  
When I am sur-round-ed  
Your love car-ries me.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,  
Your love makes me sing.*

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*Your love is sur-pris-ing,  
I can feel it ris-ing,  
all the joy that's grow-ing  
deep in-side of me.  
Ev-'ry time I see You  
all Your good-ness shines through.  
I can feel this God song  
ris-ing up in me.*

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