

WHO? WHAT? WHY? HOW? 2. Rejoicing

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*The Prelude is part of our Order of Worship, time to pray
and seek quietness as we all prepare to worship God together.*

PRELUDE “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Mann

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION and CHURCH NEWS Jim Simpson

*** CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #692 “Spirit, Open My Heart”**

Refrain: *Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.*

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

v2: *Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.*

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. [Repeat Refrain]

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Janice Cary

People of God, bless the Lord,

Bless God’s holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is God’s steadfast love for us.

Let us rejoice in God.

*** HYMN # 550** “Give Praise to the Lord”

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*silent prayer, then spoken*)

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples,

we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.

Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.

Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.

Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.

Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,

for it is in Jesus’ forgiving name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE #71 “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And God will be my Savior

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:15-20 (p.19/p.24) Janice Cary

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON (*Activity Packs for children available ask Usher*) Jim Simpson

HYMN # 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:9-21 (p.151/p.197) Carl Riggs

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Alleluia, Praise His Name” Schram

SERMON “Outdo one another” Jim Simpson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord’s Prayer (*...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us*)

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY SONG #710 “We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)”

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours, We are an offering

All that we have, all that we are All that we hope to be we give to You We give to You

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering, We are an offering.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Carl Riggs

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us

whenever two or three gather in his name, be among us now

that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed Hymnal p. 35

*** HYMN # 744** “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* RESPONSE # 765 "May the God of hope go with us every day"

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

POSTLUDE

“We Are God’s People”

Brahms

Kathy Cardwell, Director of Music

**All who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

*~~ Following today’s Service all are invited to attend Second Sunday Lunch.
Except for the team who will re-set the tables and chairs all the rest of us
are asked to exit the Sanctuary / sit in choir chairs. Thank you ~~*

Next Sunday September 17, 2017 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9c

Sermon: The Day is near

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