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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

We are using the blue hymnal today

OCTOBER 4, 2015

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SILENT MEDITATION: "The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
Laudes Domini

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

All: We gather to share Word and Sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

One: Where shall we serve our God?

All: We shall serve our God in this community and throughout every land.

One: How shall we serve our God?

All: We shall serve our God by working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

One: Why shall we serve our God?

All: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**
O God, you have blessed us in great ways. Yet, we have kept your blessings for a few and denied them to many. We have created worlds of poverty and pain. We have broken your heart and hearts of each other. In your mercy you have restored us to each other and to you. Mend our hearts and let our shared ministry repair our world. Extend to us and all of your children—pardon and peace, blessing and delight. Amen.

The Scripture is read by the pastor. The Sermons are scripturally based and usually last 10 -15 minutes. Don't be surprised if you hear about our pastor's favorite theologians ~ Dr. Seuss and Walt Disney.

After the Benediction, most people leave through the center aisle and shake the Pastor's hand. Some stay to listen to the Music Director's Postlude. He is very creative and sometimes you can hear snippets of songs that might apply to something going on that day. (For instance, Happy Birthday)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 616 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" Hursley
(Please remain seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" Burroughs

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 2:5-13

SERMON

"Figgering On Biggering"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 593 "Here I Am, Lord" Here I Am Lord

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Thank you, Gracious God, for your gifts and for others with whom we may share your gifts. These gifts are brought with our thanks and with our prayer for any neighbor who may be in need. Touch and heal those needs through our offerings and through our presence and ministry in our world.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 630 "Become to Us the Living Bread" Gelobt Sei Gott

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is shared the first Sunday of the month. Open Communion is served and all are invited to participate. The bread is passed first and then the wine (purple liquid) and grape juice (white liquid) is passed. The ushers go forward after passing the bread and then again after passing the wine. With each element the pastor indicates when it is time to partake.

After the Call to Offering the ushers pass the Offering Plates. If you would like to make a donation feel free to use an envelope in the back of the pew. After the ushers take the offering to the altar, the Prayer of Dedication is prayed in unison.

Children of all ages are invited to the steps in the front of the sanctuary for a short lesson with the pastor.

The pastor shares joys and concerns right before the Pastoral Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is prayed in unison and the phrase "forgive us our sins" is used.

The Chancel Choir and/or the Handbell Choir performs almost every Sunday. New ringers and singers are always welcome. The children also sing or play handbells occasionally.

The Gloria Patri is sung as a response to the Assurance of Pardon and is found in the blue hymnal. The Doxology is sung while the ushers take the offering forward.

This designates which Hymnal will be used that day. Either a blue Methodist Hymnal or a red UCC Hymnal is used. They are found in the back of the pew in front of you.

The day according to the liturgical calendar

Silent Meditation is a thought to ponder while waiting for the service to begin

*Means to stand if you are comfortable. Many remain seated so you won't feel out of place if you are uncomfortable standing.

A Liturgist leads the Call to Worship, which is responsive; reads the Call to Confession & then leads the Prayer of Confession, in unison. The pastor then reads the Assurance of Pardon.