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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ringing the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music

Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship**

All: Praise the Lord!

***Gathering Song NCH #84**

"This is the Day"

THIS IS THE DAY

Opening Prayer

Reflecting on our Humanity

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we come before you adrift, often overwhelmed by life. Having lost ourselves, we mistreat others and dwell in worldly things. Broaden our sight and give us faith to reorient our lives, that we may discover our authentic self, directed towards you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Assurance of God's Love

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children's Message

"Let's Not Forget"

Hannah Hannover

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 146 (p. 715 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

James 1:19-27 (p. 278 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sermon

"Listening and Doing"

Hannah Hannover

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen." The Lord's Prayer has been moved to the Communion liturgy.

Offering of Gifts

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Gabriel, arr. Fettke

Women's Trio: Melissa Asklof, Dinah Kerksieck, Pat Spangler

*Sung Response

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Lasst uns Esfreuen

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Cre - a - tor, Praise the Son. Praise, praise the Spir - it, Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage; for the sake of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Song SPP #112**

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Invitation to Communion

Institution Narrative

The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Distribution of the Elements**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us, even as we have honored the ones of courage in our own past, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

***Song NCH #347**

“Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

***Parting Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preachers: Hannah Hannover

Liturgist: Bradley Duckstein

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

Next Week August 25:

10:45 a.m. Worship (notice time)

Sermon: "The Sermon on the Plain: The Radical Reign of God" Jonathan Page

Texts: Psalm 34:1-10

Luke 6:17-26

Welcome! We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

Nursery Care: We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located in Room 212 on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

To Contact The Reverend Jonathan C. Page:

During regular office hours or at any time, if the matter is not urgent, call the church. Please leave a message if The Reverend Jonathan C. Page is not available. If it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call his cell phone at 203-815-3816.

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