



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 10, 2017—10:30 a.m.

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Hymn**

Hymn #477

*We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;  
let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.*

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*"Trumpet Tune"*

Clarke

**\*Hymn**

*"God Is Here!"*

Hymn #298

**\*Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what has drawn you to this place?

**We have come to worship the Rock of our salvation.**

God is not confined to this place; God is always with you. God came with you.

**We have come to worship with each other.**

How do you propose to worship so great a God?

**Through praise and prayer, with tears of confession and joy, we will  
bow at God's feet.**

Come, let us worship God.

**Psalm Reading**

Psalm 119: 33-40

**Prayer of Adoration**

(Unison)

**Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but  
in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in  
which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that  
he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives  
us courage to follow him. For this, we now join with all creation and shout  
for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Hymn #33

*\*please stand, if able*

**Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of God's Holiness**

One: We confess and acknowledge one God; holy and just, infinite in being and perfection, a pure spirit, most wise and absolute. Worthy is God, the creator and sustainer of all life. God is gracious and merciful, forgiving transgressions and sins for those who seek His grace and His forgiveness. Let us confess our sin before God and each other. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Unison: God, have mercy upon us. Almighty God, we confess that we are  
often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling  
to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live  
more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are  
moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of  
privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in  
your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our  
souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our  
hearts and lives for you. By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us, and  
reshape us in your image. Hear us now as we confess to you our personal  
confessions... (Silent Confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 705

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

Ezekiel 33: 1-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*"At the Name of Jesus"*  
Adult Choir

Berry

**Children's Moment**