

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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

“Moment Musicale”

Schubert

***Hymn**

“Blessed Be the Name”

Hymn #350

***Call to Worship**

O God, who created us in love,

create us anew in love as we worship you.

O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

move within us as we worship you. Amen.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 103: 8-13

Prayer of Adoration

(Unison)

**Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives
and set us up on your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our
hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our
mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. Make us fresh again
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Grace Alone”

Hymn #43

**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. Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. 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

Genesis 50: 15-21

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18: 21-35

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.