

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 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

“Redemption”

de La Presle

***Hymn**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymn #58

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 32

Prayer of Adoration

(Unison)

**Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a
holy temple, acceptable to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Hymn #19

**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. God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. 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

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Second Reading

Acts 9: 1-9

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.