

For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good. **Jeremiah 4:22**

“There is no God.” **Psalms 14**

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. **1 Timothy 1:15-16**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable. **Luke 15: 1-2**

Organ/Piano

Dianne Holliman

Assistants

Collin Lynch
Maggie Rolfe
Yvonne Fisher

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of “fairly traded” coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit

*Surely it is God who saves us.
We will trust in Love and not be afraid.
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and God will be our savior.*

Proclamation

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God,
Whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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Hymn 457 (vs. 1-4 only)

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we have hurt others with words and with carelessness. We bless too little and blame too much. We complain too much and give thanks too little. Too often we speak when we should be silent and are silent when we should speak. Help us to practice compassion in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.

Silence

Kyrie eleison

*Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.*

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

We will love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,
And love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Hymn 457 (vs. 5)

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Blessing the World

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

Hymn 304

“Jesus Loves Me!”

First Pew

Parish Life

Interlude

LISTENING TO THE WORD

Reading

Lesson

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 • Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

“Community of Christ”

Hymn 280

“Amazing Grace”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Create a Pure Heart in Me”

Susan Matsui

Affirmation

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Acclamation

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Charge and Benediction

Blessing Song

*May the blessing of God go before you,
May Her grace and peace abound
May Her Spirit live within you
May Her love wrap you round.
May Her blessing remain with you always
May you walk on holy ground.*

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Postlude

“Marche Religieuse”

W.A. Mozart

Read the Bible. It'll scare the hell out of you. **Bumper sticker**

When someone tells me that they believe the Bible is the ‘literal and inerrant word of God,’ I always ask, ‘Have you ever read it?’”

Bishop John Spong

We take the Bible too seriously to take it literally. **SPC**

Generally what is more important than getting watertight answers is learning to ask the right questions.

Madeleine L'Engle

Nothing is true that forces me to exclude. **Albert Camus**

In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds. **Henri Nouwen**

Dear God, I read the Bible. What does begat mean? Nobody will tell me. Love, Alison

Children's Letters to God

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Roger Forsythe
in memory of
Dee Forsythe

Sermons

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

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Sun 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:25 a.m. Membership Class. Classroom No. 1
9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
5:00 p.m. Practicing Silence. Sanctuary

Tues 17
7:30 p.m. Choir practice

Wed 18
10:30 a.m. Song & Prayer Service at Canterbury
7:00 p.m. Listening Group. Balcony

Thurs 19
10:00 a.m. Listening Group. Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Session meets in Fellowship Hall

Sat 21
7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship. Breakfast. Fellowship Hall

Sun 22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer. 8:18-9:1; Ps. 79:1-9; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:25 a.m. Membership Class. Classroom No. 1
9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
4:30 p.m. Primer on worship for middlers

SUNDAY SEMINARS this fall will begin with an exploration of Parker Palmer's important book *Healing the Heart of Democracy*. In the preface, Palmer explains: "For those of us who want to see democracy survive and thrive—and we are legion—the heart is where everything begins: that grounded place in each of us where we can overcome fear, rediscover that we are members of one another, and embrace the conflicts that threaten democracy as openings to new life for us and for our nation." Embracing this with realism and hope is the focus of the book. Discussion begins September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided.

GARDENING FORUM IS BACK! Sunday, October 6, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Welcome all gardeners, gardener wanna-bees and anyone else who would like to join us! Fall is the time of year when plants are ready to be divided and seeds harvested! If you have plants, seeds, produce, or ideas to share, bring them to the Forum! Share tips on growing your own healthy food and herbs, and maybe a favorite recipe! Enjoy the company of other SPC folks who enjoy gardening and its rewards. SPC is an Earthcare Congregation!

CARING CUPBOARD. SPC is responsible for packing and delivering food bags for the local schools during the month of October. We work on Thursday mornings and it takes about an hour. Anyone interested in helping with this project please contact Suellen Myers at willowsp@earthlink.net or (304)876-6035.

Ordinary Time
24th Sunday

September 15, 2013
10:45 A.M.

THE CALLING OF THE CHURCH

The Church is to be a community of faith,
entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope,
rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that,
in Christ, God is making a new creation.
This new creation is a new beginning
for human life and for all things.
The Church lives in the present on the strength
of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love,
where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness,
pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news
of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

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