**Suggestions for Sunday Worship – August 16, 2020**

Call to Worship

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

O God, give us Your blessing; may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of You.

Let us worship God!

🕈Hymn No. 619 (GtG) *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

🕈Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**You made us in Your image,**

**with a mind to know You,**

**a heart to love You,**

**and a will to serve You.**

**But our knowledge is imperfect,**

**our love inconstant,**

**our obedience incomplete.**

**Day by day we fail to grow into Your likeness;**

**yet You are slow to be angry with Your children.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ,**

**Your Son, our Savior,**

**do not hold our sins against us,**

**but in Your tender love, forgive. Amen.**

🕈Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news! God is love, and there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**Glory to God! Amen.**

🕈Response *Glory to God, No. 475*

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee;

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

*Gathered in God's name, we listen for God's life-giving Word.*

First Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Second Reading – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon *“AN OUTSIDER’S STORY” Dr. Bill Poe*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

*The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith.*

🕈Affirmation of Faith *(All together)*

**The Word which was with God from the beginning**

**was embodied in Jesus Christ.**

**We hold that what God says to us and does for us**

**centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord**

**as he is remembered, known, and expected.**

**In Christ God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh:**

**by grace through faith**

**we are set right with God,**

**adopted as children of God,**

**not because of anything we have done,**

**but because of what God has done.**

**In Christ God’s Word of demand is lived out:**

**to love God and neighbor as he did**

**is what God requires of us.**

**The Spirit adds no different Word from God,**

**but leads us deeper**

**into the truth of God**

**uttered in Jesus Christ.**

*--from A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA)*

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done**

**on 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**.

Offertory

🕈Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below;***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

🕈Prayer of Dedication

🕈Hymn No. 744 (GtG) *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG