

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2015

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Worship Him”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Philippians 2:6-11)

Jesus always had the nature of God, but he did not think
That by force he should try to remain equal with God.
Instead, of his own free will he gave up all he had and became a servant.
He became a man and appeared in human likeness.
He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death –
His death on the cross.
God raised him to the highest place above
And gave him the name that is greater than any other name.
In honor of the name of Jesus
All beings in heaven and on earth will fall on their knees,
And all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #132** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* (first tune)

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(unison)

Gracious Savior, we praise you that you came to earth so that we might know God’s love for us. We praise you for all you taught and all you did so that we might know God’s Kingdom. And we praise you for that loving sacrifice you made for us on the cross, so that we might live with you forever. Our hearts and lives rejoice that you are our Lord, and that our lives are in your loving and powerful hands. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

(Insert)

UNISON READING #61

Philippians 4

(p. 532 hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI**

*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 of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-17

(Page 156 New Testament)

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #371**

"Ask Ye What Great Things I Know"

SERMON

"Centrality of Christ"

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #141**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"It Only Takes a Spark" (verse 1)

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

Centrality of Christ : Colossians 3:1-17

Introduction: Baptism in the early church

I. Set your minds on things above (vs 2-4)

You have died

New Life in Christ

II. Set your hearts on things above (vs 5-11)

Get rid of the old

Clothe yourselves

Christ is all and in all

III. Living the “above life” (vs 12-15)

As God’s chosen people

Individually

As a Christian community

Conclusion: Be Thankful (vs 16-17)