

Service for the Lord's Day, July 25, 2010
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

IN SILENCE

from Parish Associate Tom McGloshen, PhD

A father, like Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, often realizes too late that “that little girl [he] carried...[and] that little boy at play” are leaving before he fully got to know them; before he realized that he should have left the office earlier in the evenings or made the time available he promised on the weekends.

Frederick Buechner, “Sarah,” *Beyond Words*, 358-59

Nobody who knows a hat from home plate claims that getting mixed up with God is all sweetness and light, but ultimately it's what that's all about too.

THE WORD GIVES HOPE

Mark 2:14

As Jesus was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him.

PRELUDE

Suite Antique
Prelude – Ostinato

J. Rutter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 27:4-5 (*Jerusalem Bible*)

One thing I ask of the Lord, one thing I seek—

To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To enjoy the sweetness of the Lord and to consult with the Lord in the temple.

For the Lord shelters me under his wings in times of trouble;

God hides me deep in his tent, sets me high on a rock.

***HYMN # 144**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

***CONFESSION OF WHO WE ARE**

Lord, we find the burden of choice attractive to a point—

TV channel-surfing by remote control,

web browsing by each keystroke or twitch of a mouse.

We keep chasing down countless choices;

though the number of them makes deciding more difficult,
and less satisfying.

We both hope and fear that tomorrow will present a new menu
longer than today's.

So we often roll our eyes, and say in frustration over decisions, “Whatever!”—

For our love of the many, we are diminished in love for you,

or the one across the table or across the street, or on the cross.

Forgive us Lord. Teach us that more is less.

Give us courage and love to choose you.

(time for silent, personal confession)

***ASSURANCE OF WHOSE WE ARE & THE PEACE**

Romans 6:8 & 11

Anyone in Christ is a new creation.

The old has passed away and in forgiveness a new birth given.

So we consider ourselves dead to sin

and alive to God and to all that is good in Jesus Christ.

Thank God.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Peace be with you.

(worshippers exchange words and gestures of the peace of Christ)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

from 1 Kings 1 & 2 (NRSV)
Pew Bible p. 288

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

arr. M Hogan

WORD WITH CHILDREN

SECOND LESSON

John 19:38-42 (NRSV)
Pew Bible p. 108

SERMON

“sweet sorrow”

This is the 4th in a summer series on “you say ‘goodbye’ and I say ‘hello’.”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD’S HANDS

OFFERTORY

Listen With Your Eyes

L. McGlohon

***RESPONSE # 592**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS THANKING AND ASKING GOD, THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN # 172**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Go Down, Moses

arr. S. Bulla

(Note that some will be seated and others depart in joy and silence.)

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist	Anne Gibson
Sermon/ Word with Children	Rev. William R. Leety
Musical Leadership	Sarah Shaffer, Flute and Soprano Soloist Nancy Deeth-Organist
Greeters	Keith & Jennifer Keplinger, Charlie & Peggy Lemon
Concerned Deacon	Betty Bryan
Head Usher	Bob Ellett

IN MEMORIAM

Deacon Janet C. Rigrish

January 20, 1918 ~ July 17, 2010

“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, though they die, will live.”

- John 11:25