

**Date: August 13, 2017**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

God is good.

**All the time.**

And all the time.

**God is good.**

**Call To Worship**

We are the family of God;

**and like every family we come in all shapes and sizes.**

We are raucous uncles, annoying cousins,

**dotting nannas and flamboyant aunts.**

We are happy toddlers, busy parents,

**argumentative siblings and football loving grandpas.**

We are quiet book lovers and

**mechanically minded menders of stuff.**

We are knitters and cooks,

**golfers and gamers.**

We are poets and farmers,

**pianists and twitchers.**

We are freckled and knock-kneed;

**we are daredevils and dawdlers.**

Our lives are colorful and creative, and as diverse as wildflowers,

**and we all belong here.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #754 Help Us Accept Each Other**

**1. Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted,  
and meant to love and live.**

**2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may become.**

**3. Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness,  
and laughter's healing art.**

**4. Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for justice and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
Lord, free us; make us one!**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Confession of Sin**

**Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.**

**\*Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
A sign of peace is exchanged.

**\*Response: Hymn #441 Hear The Good News**

**1. Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.**

**1. Wotanin waste nahon po,  
Jesus he waihdusna:  
towaosida kin tanka,  
he dehan iyomahi.  
Jesus Christ wastewadaka,  
Jesus Christ nimayan: han,  
wastewadake amatonwe  
is eya wastemada.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First reading: Matthew 14:22-33**

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**Children's Chat**

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**Second reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:**

*Jealousy, Storms and Grace*

**Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn #372 O For A World**

**1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**4. The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice**

**5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith -Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

Musical Offering

**\*Praise God (Hymn #608)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication and 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.**

**SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Sending the Church into Mission**

The Mission of Prospect Church

**To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.**

**\*Hymn #737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**

**1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

**\*Benediction and Congregational Response**

**Hymn #372 v 3**

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and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.**

**Postlude**