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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Kingdom of God, George Walsh, 2005

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.

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GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us

The Spirit and the Church say, "Come."

The people of the Word say, "Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Receive the gift of the water of life.

Hymn

Seek Ye First

#175

**1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**3 You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:

open our hearts
to the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may completely love you
and magnify your holy fullness;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in
God's grace, let us confess our sin...

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.**

Silence is kept for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Within the great love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God

A Time with the Children

Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

#310

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

2 I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

5 Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon

The Kingdom has come near!

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#187

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;

for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.

2 We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.

Together, We Confess Our Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

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; the third day he rose again

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)

3 These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.
 Amen.

Response

Spirit of the Living God

#288

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Postlude



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