

of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle – I am I am telling the truth, I am not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the people should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Prayers for Others” Rev. Frank Wyche

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

\***HYMN** *Higher Ground* #549

OFFERING

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\***DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (...debtors/debtors...)

\***HYMN** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #682

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Sevenfold Amen* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Alessio Giacobone

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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September 25, 2016

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 105: 1-8

L: O give thanks to the LORD, and call on his name. Make his deeds known among all peoples!

**P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works!**

L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**P: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

L: Remember the wonderful works that God has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, O children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

**P: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He is mindful of his covenant forever; of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless us as we gather to worship and praise you. Draw us ever closer to you, and make us mindful of your love, your grace, and your truth, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 32: 3, 5a-c

L: When I did not admit my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

**P: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk

**God of justice and righteousness, have mercy upon us as we confess our sins. We say we love our neighbors, but we still make distinctions: we favor the rich and condemn the poor, and we do not forgive others. We say we have faith, but our works do not show it: we preach Jesus Christ, but we send away the hungry; we praise you with our lips, but with our hands we push away strangers and the needy. We are not worthy to ask your forgiveness except for the name of Jesus, who pardoned the thief on the cross, and forgave those who put him to death.**

*(Silent prayer, personal confession)*

**RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ Psalm 103: 8-12

L: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**P: The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who hold him in proper awe and reverence.

**P: And as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

*Sing to the Lord*

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 5: 43-48 ~ page 839 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven; for God makes the sun rise on the evil as well as the good, and sends rain on the just and also on the unjust. For if you only love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your closest family and friends, what more are you doing than anyone else? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Peter 1: 1-2, 12-17; 2: 1-7 ~ page 1034 in pew Bible

[From] Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our confidence and assurance, To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful by appointing me to his service, though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge