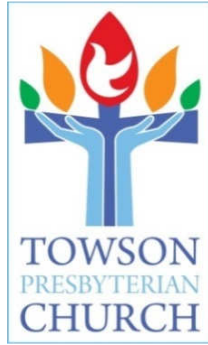


The Service for the Lord's Day



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!
All are invited to use the Prayer and Prelude as a time of silent preparation.

Prayer of Reflection

O God, open me up!
Open my eyes,
 my ears,
 my heart,
 my all,
that I might behold anew
 the glory of your way, your will, your love
 calling me forth
 to strive, to risk, to give myself
 for your kingdom.
Open me, God,
 and be within my hearing.

Prelude

Air for Organ

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Welcome

Rev. Carter

**Call to Worship*

Jenness Hall

Leader: Jesus comes alongside us and calls us by name, saying,
People: "Follow me."
Leader: A simple call. A hard call.
People: Because following requires leaving.
Leader: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.
People: And we see the trappings of the life we know.
Leader: It's hard to leave our nets
 and walk away from what we've been pursuing.
People: But we have come this far to this place,
 where we can pause, listen, re-focus,
 share a meal of bread and wine,
 and experience anew the grace of finding identity
 and purpose in the One who names us and claims us.

**Invitation to Confess*

Rev. Strom

**Litany of Confession*

Leader: Lord, you call, but we don't always recognize your voice.
 People: Sometimes we don't listen carefully.
 Sometimes we're caught off guard.

Leader: Lord, you call, but we haven't always taught others to hear you.
 People: Sometimes we stand in the way,
 allowing our voice to ring out over yours.

Leader: Lord, you call, but we don't always believe our ears.
 People: Sometimes we think we know better.
 Sometimes we assume you can't possibly be calling us,
 or her, or him.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us open our ears.
 Help us practice our listening.
 Help us hear your will, your way, your call.

- silent reflection and confession -

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Let us proclaim the good news!
 People: By grace, God names us, claims us, loves us, forgives us,
 equips us, and calls us! Praise God!

**Response to Grace*

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
 ginning with you, and start-ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I
 make all things new, my pro-mise is true, for I am Christ the way.

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**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: In baptism, we are marked with the sign and seal of God's unconditional love for us. This peace is ours
 to live and share! Peace be with you.
 People: And also with you.

- All are invited to share the "peace" of Christ with one another -

- Children are invited to come forward -

Children's Message (10:00)

- Children through Middle School are invited to the Education Wing -

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Kevin McKenna

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 (Pew Bible pp. 860-1, O.T.)

Leader: *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word;*

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 14-20 (Pew Bible p. 35, N.T.)

Leader: *For the Word of God in Scripture,*

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Called by God—Part 2

“Called to the Growing Edges”

Respond in Thanks & Faith

**Hymn #69* (10:00)

“Here I am, Lord”

Here I Am

Call to Commitment

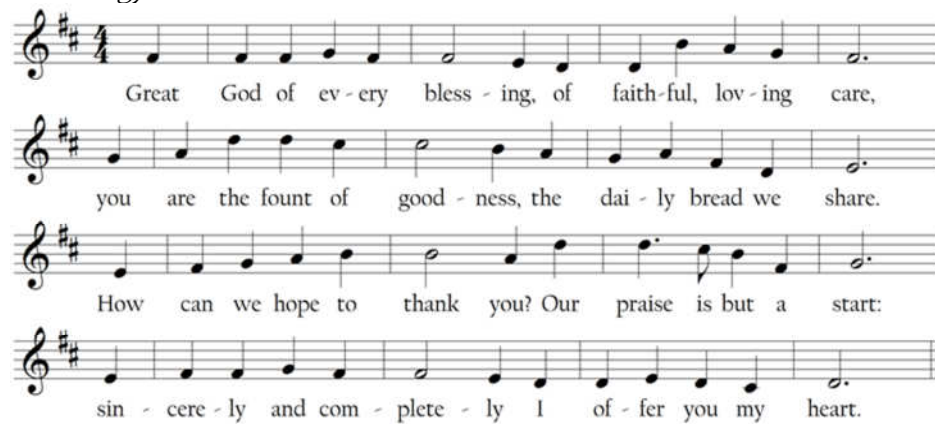
Offertory

Lead Me, Guide Me

Akers / arr. Carter

**Doxology*

Aurelia



Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

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**Prayer of Dedication*

Dedicating our gifts and commitments for 2018

Leader: *Precious Lord, we have heard you calling, and respond in faith!*

People: We offer you not just the gifts of this day, but our very lives, that we would be harbingers of your kingdom and vessels of your grace. We dedicate ourselves to your work, your glory, and your kingdom. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

The Communion of the People

Jesus welcomes each and all to his table. All who desire may approach the Communion servers through the center aisle to take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup (containing unfermented grape juice) before consuming it. Gluten-free wafers are also available in a bowl on the communion table. Anyone wishing to remain seated and be served from a tray may so indicate to a server.

Prayer of Response

Loving God, with thanks for your holy nourishment
about this table, we dedicate:

our lips to the hopeful voice of Christ

to the despairing;

our hands to reach out in Christ's name

to heal the broken;

our feet to walk with Christ

to visit those who are shunned;

our bodies to be Christ's living sacrifice

to break the power of death.

Take us. Empower us. Use us. Amen.

***Hymn #298**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Abbot's Leigh

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson (1922-1987)

*Congregation standing, as able.

**Large print bulletins with Hymns and hearing assistance devices are available;
please ask a deacon (with a red nametag) for assistance.

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