



“Which of the
two did the will
of the father?”

Matthew 23:31

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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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You are invited and encouraged to prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation as the prelude is being played. May you hear the voice of God deep within and be strengthened by His presence as you are blessed in every way.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Adante

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As we prepare for worship the candles will be lit. Following the lighting of the candles, there will be a time for silent preparation. Time of silence will come to a close with the ringing of a bell.

OPENING RESPONSE**

(By Joy Tetley, adapted from *Prayers Encircling the World*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1999)

God of mystery,

Draw us nearer to you.

God of love,

Draw us nearer to one another.

God in Trinity,

Draw us into deeper understanding through the gift of faith and the outpouring of your grace.

HYMN OF PRAISE**261 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

(Adapted from *The Open Gate: Celtic Prayers for a Growing Spirituality* by David Adam. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1994.)

Holy and Strong One

Forgive our weakness.

Holy and Wise One

Forgive our foolishness.

Holy and Loving One,

Forgive our hardness.

Holy and Generous One,

Forgive our selfishness.

Holy and Faithful One,

Forgive our fickleness.

Holy and Gentle One,

Forgive our Toughness.

Forgive us Holy One,

Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI**

(Hymn 579)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Followed by a dismissal to Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8:8-11

(OT, p. 708)

ANTHEM

Air from Suite in D Major
Joanne Reinecker, piano

J.S. Bach

SECOND READING

Matthew 21:23-32 (NT, p. 23)

SERMON

Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat

Rev. Nancy Schell

HYMN OF REFLECTION**408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Andante Cantabile

Beethoven

DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 592)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING HYMN**339 Be Thou My Vision

WE GO FORTH IN HOPE

CLOSING RESPONSE**

(By Martin Luther King, Jr., adapted from *Prayers Encircling the World*.
Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1999)

And now to God who is able to keep us from falling, and to lift us from the dark valley of
despair to the bright mountain of hope,
from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy;
To God be power and authority, for ever and ever.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (HYMN 438 1st verse)

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above**

POSTLUDE Postlude in C G. Young

***Please stand if you are able*

Dial-A-Prayer is a service of our church: the telephone number is 259-2442.
Prayer Chain requests should be made to the church office 258-8133.

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