

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE Canon in D Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In God's realm, weakness becomes strength.

Emptiness is fulfilled to overflowing.

Fear grows into courage.

The foolish learn wisdom.

The wise learn God's foolishness.

The great are humbled, and the humble lifted up.

In God's steadfast love, all things are made whole.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" 467

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of grace and God of glory, we want glory for ourselves. We want to be strong and independent. We daydream about doing great things. We forget that we depend on you for everything: for the very air we breathe; for your strength that holds us together; for life in the community you create in Christ; for the forgiveness that makes new life possible. In your mercy, bind us together and send us out to proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Temple

READING OF THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 12:1b-10

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Unplucked Thorns" Reverend Smith

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" 280

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A Litany for the Nation

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

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The Litany for the Nation was used at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., on July 2, 1995. It is adapted from the Book of Common Prayer 1979.

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Julia Kasch in honor of Katey Kasch's birthday and Hazel Howard in memory of Audrie Howard's birthday.

Helping Hand contribution for the month of July is hand soap or pasta.

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