

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

October 9, 1997

ORGAN PRELUDE

*GREETING From Hebrews 1 1-2, 4:14-16

Liturgist Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us
by a Son.

Response He is Jesus, our great high priest. He
knows our weakness.

Liturgist Let us therefore approach the throne of
grace with boldness, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All Amen.

*HYMN NO. 340 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

*COLLECT Offered in Unison

Gracious God, whose Holy Spirit is upon all
who confess that Jesus is Lord: guide us by that
same truth to find community with one another, in
the world fashioned by one Creator, saved by one
Redeemer, and blessed by one Spirit; through the
same Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Offered in Unison

O Lord, who commands us to love You with all
our heart and soul and mind and strength: grant
that, as the scriptures are read and Your word is
proclaimed, our hearts and minds and souls will be
opened to receive Your word with joy; and grant
that we will be blessed by Your word with the
strength of love. Amen.

PSALM 25 1-10 (With Response 1) Pages 756-7

*THE GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

SERMON "The Identity of the Excluded"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation from I Cor. and Col. *Hymnal* No. 888

"Jesus, Remember Me" *Hymnal* No. 488

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Each petition will close with the words, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which all will respond, "Hear our prayer")

INVITATION

CONFESSION

Gracious God, whose distance from us is formed by our eagerness to center our lives upon ourselves: receive our confession, bring us to repentance, and set us free from our bondage to sin with all its false promises. We confess that we have seen ourselves as more important than our neighbors. We confess that we have taken greater pride in what we have achieved than we have shown gratitude for what we have received. By Your mercy, change the direction of our lives; lead us to find the destiny of our days, not confined to ourselves, but in communion with one another and with You. Through Christ our Lord, we pray Amen.

SILENCE

GOOD NEWS OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*OFFERING

Hymnal No. 94

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We will follow the form in the *Hymnal*, pages 15-16 using musical setting D, pages 23-24.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Using "trespasses")

BREAKING THE BREAD, TAKING THE CUP

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

During communion, we will sing "Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast" (No. 616) and "O the Depth of Love Divine" (No. 627).

CLOSING PRAYER

Most bountiful God, we give You thanks for the world You have created, for the gift of life, and for giving Yourself to us in Christ Jesus. By the gift of Your Holy Spirit, You have fed us in this sacrament and united us with one another as a foretaste of Your heavenly banquet. We are Your children, and Yours is the glory, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 729 "O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines"

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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