

To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race

May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,

To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
To live as stew - ards of the earth, Re - spond - ing to God's grace.

And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.

To feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife.

As stew - ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord

To serve the poor and home - less first, Our ease and com - fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat - ens all of life.

To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Church in the Forest

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost • September 4, 2016 • 9:30 am

PRELUDE

We respectfully request that you withhold conversation during the prelude (being recorded), silence your cell phones, and hold your applause until the end.

Hermit Songs, Op. 29.....Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

At Saint Patrick's Purgatory

The Crucifixion

The Monk and his Cat

The Desire for Hermitage

Afterwards, the minister welcomes the congregation and invites us to stand

Minister: It is good to praise the Lord Most High,

People: **And make music to His name**

ALL: **With organ and voice, may the music of our lives allow others to hear the Good News!**

The hymn is on page two — Afterwards the service continues on page 4

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: O GOD Eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of dark into morning; Drive far off from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1–11

Dick Crowell

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 139: 1–6, 13–18

Responsively

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

**How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!**

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The minister will ask you to stand for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 14:27–30

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

THE SERMON

“Metrics for Meaningful Life”

The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

The minister will ask you to stand for the Creed on the following page

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

—*The Nicene Creed*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mia Jarick

O God, we pray for your Holy Church worldwide;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all church leaders;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence — afterwards the minister continues

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.