

**Order of Worship**  
**July 31, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (Psalm 146:5-8)

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: For our God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.**

Leader: It is the Lord, our God, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed.

**People: It is God who gives food to the hungry, and sets the prisoners free.**

Leader: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**All: Therefore, we will praise the Lord as long as we live.**

\*Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" # 554

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have done in the past, which did not honor you, help us to be mindful that we are your children, and direct our futures, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Confession Response: **"Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us."** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

Sermon: "Prodigal People"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour" insert

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" # 281

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: "God Be with You"

