

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

September 11, 2016

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude "O God, You Search Me" by Bernadette Farrell

***Call to Worship** *Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies*

How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?

How long will you hide your face from us?

How long must we wrestle with our thoughts and day after day have sorrow in our hearts?

How long will our enemy triumph over us?

Look on us and answer, Lord our God.

Give light to our eyes, or we will sleep in death, and our enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when we fall.

But we trust in your unfailing love, O Lord; our heart rejoices in your salvation.

We will sing the Lord's praise, for God has been good to us.

Psalm 13 (New International Version)

Silent Reflection and Remembrance

***Opening Song** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 68

***Invocation Prayer**

Song of Faith "Mighty to Save"

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 4:11-28

Psalm 14:1-7 Denunciation of Godlessness

Fools say to themselves, "There is no God."

The godless are evil and do terrible things; there is no one who does anything good.

The Lord looked down from heaven on all people to see if anyone understood, if anyone was looking to God for help.

But all have turned away. Together, everyone has become evil. There is no one who does anything good, not even one.

Don't the wicked understand? They destroy my people as if they were eating bread. They do not ask the Lord for help.

But the wicked are filled with terror, because God is with those who do what is right.

The wicked upset the plans of the poor, but the Lord will protect them.

I pray that victory will come to Israel from Mount Zion! May the Lord bring them back.

Then the people of Jacob will rejoice, and the people of Israel will be glad.

Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Responsorial "God Is So Good"

Children's Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Untitled Hymn" (Come to Jesus) by Chris Rice

***Scripture and Prayer of Illumination:** Luke 15:1-10

Message "Lost People Matter to God"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be baptized, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come to Jesus during this song.

***Song** "Grace Alone" 436

***Closing Prayer**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** "Happiness" by *William J. Gaither*
arranged by *Fred Bock*
**Please stand, if able*

The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of each month, and on special holidays. West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. Baptized Christians from all Christian traditions are welcome to partake of the elements. Please wait until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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