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*Celebrating our history,
we look toward our future.*

Clothe yourself
with compassion
kindness
of humility
gentleness
and patience
COLOSSIANS 3:12

The Order of Worship

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 15, 2017

WELCOME. We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following the service, please join us for fellowship
and enjoy light refreshments.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**All: Let the wicked forsake their ways,
and the unrighteous their vain thoughts.
Let us together return to the Lord.**

One: Incline your ears and come near;
hear and your soul shall live.

**One: For as the rain comes down, and does not fail to bring forth fruit,
so shall God's Word be upon us,
to the praise of God's glorious name.**

One: In the expectation of God's grace and love,
let us worship God's glory.

***Hymn #307** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

***Prayer of Confession:**

One: The confession of our sin before God and one another reminds us that as individuals and as a community of faith, we stray from the ways of love and justice. Therefore, with confidence in the mercy of God, let us make our confession to God.

**All: Holy God, forever beckoning us to draw near,
forever calling us to follow,
we confess to wrestling with obedience.**

**We often choose a path easy for us
and miss your invitation to extend your mercy in a place of
need.**

**We limit our contact with you to Sunday mornings
or the last weary moments of the day.**

**We move so fast we miss your whisper in our dreams,
your tug from a small child, your beauty in a new flower.**

**Persistent God, tilt our ear toward you
so that we might hear with clearness
the word you have for us this day and always.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear the good news!

**All: If we have died with Christ,
we believe we shall also live with him.**

One: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, by grace through faith,
we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

***Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #693 “*Though I May Speak*” (stanza 3)

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;

Our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed;

By this we worship, and are freed.

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God’s reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Habits of Highly Ineffective Christians”

***Hymn #721** “*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*”

Ordination And Installation Of Officers

Presentation of the Candidates

Statement of Ordination and Installation

The Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination and Installation

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these your servants
whom you called through baptism as your own.**

Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

**Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may demonstrate the
compassion of Christ in the actions of their daily living.**

Guide them to rightly govern your church.

**Give them the gift of your Holy Spirit to build up the church,
to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.**

**In their walk of faith and for their work of ministry,
give your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope,
humility and humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your
presence. Amen.**

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

***Offertory Response**

Hymn #693 *“Though I May Speak” (stanza 3)*

*Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

***Offertory Prayer**

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #707** *“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Hymn #748 *“Go With Us, Lord”*

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

Postlude

THIS SERVICE is broadcast each Sunday on station KDWA 1460 AM/97.7 FM,
and is lived streamed on www.kdwa.com.

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. If you would like the confidential prayer chain of FPCH to continue in prayer for your request, write that on the card. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.