

Sept 20, 2015

Pastoral Prayer

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for your word. We thank you for the marvels of creation, and for the gift of children. Remind us that greatness lies not in puffing ourselves up and casting large shadows that have the effect more to chill than to impress. Rather, restore in us the embrace of greatness in servanthood, in acts not of self-congratulation but hospitality to those who come our way, young and old, rich and poor, gay and straight, all your children, all our sisters and brothers. This we pray in the name of the Child who was and is the Christ. Amen

Stewardship Thought

A faith filled congregation utilizes everyone's gifts. – Everyone has a gift to offer and can do so with delight to the faith community. When we all share in the fruit of our hands we feel ownership in the programs and ministries we support. The work of the good news is fulfillment for one and all.

Call to Offering

Each of us bears a piece of the puzzle. In our offerings all are combined in the great mosaic of the gospel. Let us give our first and our best.
The morning offering will now be received.

Commissioning and Benediction

Welcome the children of God in the name of Jesus, for then you welcome the Creator who sent Jesus, and who sends us.

Let us strive to be first in service, as servants of others in the name of Jesus. Let us all lay claim to the place of honor that comes with putting everyone else before us. Take up your cross and follow, through suffering to glory. Go now in peace to love and serve God. Amen.