

CENTER LISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

May 1, 2016

God, through Christ, is the foundation upon which we are united to worship, grow and share in Christian love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

It's so easy, Lord, to become lazy in our prayer life and lax in our worship. We need to be restored in our devotion and to have a fresh sense of your active presence in our lives.

During this hour we ask that you will sensitize us, overwhelm us, nudge us, prod us, and urge us on to a more holy life.

Amen.

HYMN #570 "We Gather Together"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 37

RESPONSIVE READING

Shout with joy before the Lord, O earth!

**OBEY HIM GLADLY; COME BEFORE HIM,
SINGING WITH JOY.**

Try to realize what this means - the Lord is God!

**HE MADE US - WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP
OF HIS PASTURE.**

Go through his open gates with great thanksgiving;

ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

FOR THE LORD IS ALWAYS GOOD.

He is always loving and kind,

**AND HIS FAITHFULNESS GOES ON AND ON TO
EACH SUCCEEDING GENERATION.**

GLORIA PATRI

AFFIRMATION

**I believe in the living God,
the Father of mankind,
who creates and sustains the
universe by his power and
in his love.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
the man of Nazareth;
because of his words and work,
his way with others,**

**his use of suffering,
his conquest of death,
I know what human life ought to be
and what God is like.**

**I believe that the Spirit of God is
with us always,
and can be experienced
in prayer, in forgiveness,
in the word, the sacraments,
the fellowship of the church
and in all we do.**

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are not as bad as we could be, nor are we nearly as good as we ought to be. We have loved you, but not always with all of our heart, and mind, and strength. We have treated our neighbors decently enough but we have not loved them as much as we have loved ourselves. We have aided the hungry, the unclothed, and the homeless, but often without much enthusiasm. We have usually been honest and truthful, but only within the limits that we considered reasonable. We have prayed, but with some impatience; we have forgiven, but with some resentment; we have believed; but with some doubts. Forgive us, Father, where our righteousness has been without enthusiasm, and where our goodness has been half-hearted. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

HYMN #401 "It Is Well with My Soul"

SERMON

HYMN #220 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

BENEDICTION