

CENTER LISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
September 11, 2016

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

CALL TO WORSHIP
INVOCATION

O thou-who-hast-ever-been, who haunts the ages of mankind with a restless and ceaseless presence: In knowing us, free us from our past so that we may be open to thy future for us and for the world. When we see the portrait of the Christian outlined in the Beatitudes, we feel warm inside. Yet, we fall short in hungering and thirsting after the justice of God, so that we become that kind of person. Help us to be honest about this, and perhaps our honesty will help us to keep open to thy healing presence. Hear our prayer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN #4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

SCRIPTURE

RESPONSIVE READING

Never envy the wicked! Soon they fade away like the grass and disappear.

TRUST IN THE LORD INSTEAD. BE KIND AND GOOD TO OTHERS; THEN YOU WILL LIVE SAFELY HERE IN THE LAND AND PROSPER, FEEDING IN SAFETY.

Be delighted with the Lord. Then he will give you all your heart's desires.

COMMIT EVERYTHING YOU DO TO THE LORD. TRUST HIM TO HELP YOU DO IT AND HE WILL.

Your innocence will be clear to everyone.

HE WILL VINDICATE YOU WITH THE BLAZING LIGHT OF JUSTICE SHINING DOWN AS FROM THE NOONDAY SUN.

Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act. Don't be envious of evil men who prosper.

STOP YOUR ANGER! TURN OFF YOUR WRATH.

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Don't fret and worry - it only leads to harm.

**FOR THE WICKED SHALL BE DESTROYED, BUT
THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD SHALL BE
GIVEN EVERY BLESSING.**

GLORIA PATRI

AFFIRMATION

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him; who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, for our sins against faith, against hope, against love. Forgive our sins against faith, for we have sometimes doubted your presence, we have sometimes been reluctant to accept your grace, we have sometimes hesitated to admit our convictions. Forgive our sins against hope, for we have sometimes been shortsighted in our goals, we have forgotten how long the world waited for Jesus, we have sometimes given up on ourselves and others. Forgive our sins against love, for we have not always loved you with heart and soul, we have not always loved others as ourselves, we have not fully followed the example of the God who loved so much that he gave all. Forgive us for these, our failures, and fill us again with faith, with hope, and with love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

HYMN #337 "I Would Be True"

SERMON

HYMN #361 "Near the Cross"

BENEDICTION