

# Additional Liturgy for September 24, 2017

For: Maria Colvin-Lopez

Suggested Announcements (please edit as desired):

The “**PRESENT WORD**” **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is participating in the Stewardship season study of “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations,” led by Bob Simpson, Maria Colvin-Lopez, and Pastor Kathy. Join us in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday morning.

The Worship Calling is in need of **VOLUNTEERS FOR USHERS** during Sunday worship services. Normal attrition has left us short-handed. Ushers are organized into teams that rotate from month to month, so scheduling is flexible. Please volunteer by emailing Tom Ball at [tomasball@aol.com](mailto:tomasball@aol.com).

## Call to Confession

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

It's time to hear God's Word read and proclaimed. Let us pray:

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, move through our minds and hearts, open us to your Word until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **First Reading**

## **Joel 2:23-27 (Inclusive)**

Rejoice, Children of Zion! Rejoice!  
Be glad in the LORD your God,  
who sends you rain –  
the autumn and spring rains as of old –  
and a new spring crop.  
The threshing floors will be heaped with grain,  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.  
I will repay you  
for the years that were eaten away  
by the locust swarm,  
the winged locust,  
the scavenger locust,  
and the bark-stripping locust –  
my great army, which I sent against you.  
You will eat your fill and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you!  
My people will never again be put to shame!  
You will know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God,  
and there is no other.  
My people will never again be put to shame!

## **Invitation to the Offering**

Great is God's mercy toward us. Let us offer a portion of what God has given with humble and grateful hearts.

## **Offertory Prayer**

Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here. Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.