



**ENTRANCE PRAYER:** Lord God, heavenly Father, to You we lift up our souls, in You we put our trust. We are mindful of Your mercies; throughout our lives You have shown us Your steadfast love. You have provided for our eternal salvation by sending us Your Son Jesus Christ. For these countless gifts of Your love and mercy, accept our adoration, praise, and thanksgiving. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to show true love and empathy. Give us the spirit of Christ, who humbled Himself and became obedient to death for our sake. Give us the will and the discipline to fulfill our promises. In the name of He Who is our salvation. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

**WHEN I AM WORKING I WEAR MY CLERGY GARB.** It is interesting that as people pass they tend to clean-up-their-act. Rough words leave their vocabulary, the tone of the conversation changes, they show respect. I wouldn't know if they are showing respect for what they perceive as my dedication to the Lord, or if they are in fear of what God might do to them concerning their behavior. Any time someone treats us differently because we are Christians, they show that they notice. Any time they treat us better, they show that they have respect for the name of the One we represent. Jesus said if someone attempts to assist us in our Christianity—even to the smallest degree of giving us a cup of water—that person is not far from God's blessing. We thank everyone for coming out to worship today. It is not always an easy thing to hear the voice of Jesus calling and respond with willing feet.

**THEME OF THE DAY:**

What Is Right

**INTROIT**—(Antiphon: Psalm 135:13;) Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14  
Psalm 135 is actually the historic Psalm for this day. Written by David it is another of his "Hallelujah," Psalms. We know that because the title is, "Praise the Lord." We praise God because of Who He is. He shows us what is right by working for us and keeping us from doing wrong.

**COLLECT**

With the help of the Holy Spirit we are able to do the right things which we come to understand as they are presented to us in the Commandments.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**—Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The journey to the promised land was underway. Moses' patience with the Israelites' complaining and wailing was wearing thin. In dealing with the people, Moses gave us a model of humility and the proper place of humility in our relationship with God and one another. God answered Moses in his prayer with the granting of the 70 men to serve with him. God took from Moses and gave to the men yet it didn't diminish the stature of Moses to have help. It is interesting to note that Joshua didn't think it was right that the two men who stayed in camp also received the Spirit to prophesy. Moses recognized their service which was to God and not to him.

**GRADUAL**—Psalm 91:11, 103:1

Psalm 91 (written by David,) encourages us to take God as our keeper, our ever present help in time of distress. Psalm 103 (also David) is a wonderful song of praise.

**EPISTLE LESSON**—James 5:1-20

We finish our month in the book of James by reading the entirety of Chapter Five. Christians live surrounded by a permissive society. The people of the world are encouraged to do what feels good. In his letter, James reminded us that God has poured out on us many blessings. Every good and perfect gift is from above. The Lord has promised those who persevere a crown of life. James urged us to align ourselves with God and submit to His authority. We are to repent of our sin and humble ourselves before God. We are to only do things that build up others, we are to do good things not for any reward from men but for the wonder of the knowledge of God. Some think that Paul and James were at odds with each other. No, they say the same thing from a different perspective. Paul was talking to new Christians, while James was talking to the mature.

**GOSPEL LESSON**—Mark 9:38-50

The Twelve came to Jesus for assistance and understanding in a state of jealousy. Their request is simple, stop the non-disciples from using