

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2017

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

You Shall Have a Song

Harriet Ziegenhais

Felicia Hibbeler, Michelle Gibson, Ginger Bushman,
Elaine and John McFadden, Les Johnson

The Call To Worship

(Psalm 139)

O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away.
**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
**Search me, O God, and know my heart.
See if there is any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

The Prayer of Adoration

Gracious God, You have searched us and known us. You, indeed, discern our thoughts from afar. You lead us in the way everlasting as we gather to bless You for Your bountiful mercy, for the compassion and care You extend to us. You surround us with a mantle that protects us from danger; our breastplate is your righteousness fulfilled in Christ Jesus. You are our shield and defender, our hope and our comfort. We give You all praise as we assemble in Christ's Name. Glory to You, O Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, hear the Word of the Lord.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
God says unequivocally, irrevocably:
You are my own; you are forgiven;
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 581 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 28:10-19a*

p. 30 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24*

p. 710 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Praise the Lord, Alleluia!

William Boyce/Wagner

*Alleluia, O praise the Lord. All heaven and earth rejoice, and sing the glory. Alleluia!
Creatures great and small, nature and all, now shout with joy, Alleluia!*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:12-25*

p. 191 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 360

Christ Is Coming!

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

p. 17 in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Feigned
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 606 in the Hymnal
God of all creation, create through us Your realm upon this earth. With these offerings help us plant seeds even as we bear fruit. Bless our efforts and nourish our lives, that we may be a harvest of generosity and love. To the praise and glory of Christ our Lord in Whose Name we pray. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 7/23-30

Today (7/23)

Montreat Youth Conference, *depart* 7am
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Monday (7/24)

Montreat Youth Conference

Tuesday (7/25)

Montreat Youth Conference
Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
Stewardship, *CF* 7pm
Summer Book Club, *FH* 7pm

Wednesday (7/26)

Montreat Youth Conference
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (7/27)

Montreat Youth Conference

Friday (7/28)

Montreat Youth Conference

Saturday (7/29)

Montreat Youth Conference
Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (7/30)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
Visit with the Dettweilers', *MH* 11:15am
VBS, *FH* 12pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Location Key:

CP: Church Parlor

MH: Middle House

S: Sanctuary

CH: Church House

EB: Education Building

CF: Conference Room

U: Undercroft

FH: Fellowship Hall

UCR: Choir Room in Ed. Building

CR: Choir Room

Birthdays this Week

July

23. Suzi Bevan, Ryan Ribel
25. Julie Chewning, Denny Keffer, Susie Kuliasha, David Samson, Reid Schattgen, David Wright
26. Gaye Copley, Carol Mayer
27. Jay Carelock, Elizabeth Hamlett, Pearl Miller, Maggie Wilder
28. Rob Loder
29. Nancy Brandon, Karen Duffy
30. Noah Adams, Megan King, William Oplinger, Willard Raines

Hospital Visitor 7/23-29

Carole Green, 287-8545

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July 23, 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 10:00 am

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us!

To aid you in our liturgy, we want to acquaint you with our following custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*"

We encourage you to stand for singing, if you are able, as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing "*Amen.*"

Assistive listening devices (amplified earphones and telecoilneckloops), and **large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

Child care is provided in the Education Building for infants through kindergarteners.

All worshipers are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

The flowers today are given by the Fortune family to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Fortune.

Capsule of Concern: Charlotte Mims, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage, Rim Vining

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Jessica, Bill, Jacqui and Courtney Nix on the death of Jessica's son, Myles, who died on July 19, 2017.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, July 30:

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128;
Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Roy Jarnecke

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Rachel Hole

Greeters
Tom & Karla Lewis, Pete Kolakowski

Ushers
Mark & Carol Mayer, Mike Gibson, Tracey Rembisz

Elevator Assistant
Milton McNatt

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Lynn Simms

Greeters
James & Marsha Lockett, Patti Myers

Ushers
John & Nita Deegan, Jane Eger, Ann Warner

Elevator Assistant
Ralph Lewis

Lemonade on the Lawn
Rachel Ball & family

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 10:00 services
Katie Blashford, Jen & Margaret Rowe, Elizabeth & Claire Rehm, Mary Grace Humes

Andrew Kuliasha spent this past week at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee, as part of the planning team for the Montreat Middle School Conference. We thank Andrew for his service.

We thank Jim Toler and all the volunteers at SOKS Camp this past week. It was a great week of fun with some of the children who live in Heritage Park.

Twenty-two youth and three adults left this morning for the **Montreat Youth Conference** where they will join 1,200 other youth and adults from many parts of the United States exploring the theme, A Missing P e A c E. They will return on Saturday, July 29, mid-afternoon. Please be in prayer for our youth and the conference.

All youth and adults are invited to join the **special August Church School session** focusing on *Christianity, Judaism, and Islam - basic beliefs and struggles in today's world* - August 6, 13, 20, and 27. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service

All Roads lead to Rome this summer at VBS! Join us the week of July 30-August 3, to explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love. Register during lemonade on the lawn (rising 4 year olds through rising 5th graders). Come have a glass of lemonade and sign up for VBS

VBS Nursery Volunteers - We are in need of a few brave souls to stay with the babies and toddlers of our volunteers so that they can make Ancient Rome come to life for the children of our church. If you would like to help, please contact Robin Joel (rjoel515@gmail.com) or Rachel Hole (rjarnecke@yahoo.com), or come sign up during lemonade on the lawn.

Looking for a way to **help with VBS** this year but cannot volunteer? A great way would be to **donate supplies needed for the week**. We need: cardboard (especially large boxes or sheets), round cardboard tubes, 6 tailgate tents/canopy tents, two small kid pools and old large sheets to drape over canopy tents.

School Dressing Days will be held August 11 & 12, at the LDS church on Bragg Road. New clothing, school supplies, backpacks and toiletries are provided to children grades K-12 to go back to school. Ways to be involved: help families "shop," keep items replenished, clean up, etc., help set up on August 9 & 10, and help with pre-registration in June and July.. To volunteer, sign up online at signupgenius.com and search schooldressingdays@gmail.com or sign up on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Becky Paul, 373-2294, (bcmrpaul@cox.net).

Mark your calendars and spread the word: on Monday, July 24, at Harry's Ale House, (Harrison Crossing Shopping Center), **School Dressing Days** will receive \$2 for each Charity Steak Dinner that is purchased from opening to closing on that day. You don't need a flyer; just order the steak meal for charity. Our goal is to sell at least 100 steak dinners.

Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, who work in Nigeria with Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be visiting with us on Sunday, July 30. They will have a moment for mission at both services. Following the 10:00 a.m. service they will be available to share in more detail about their work. We will meet in the Middle House.

An opportunity awaits for volunteers on Saturday, September 2, to help out with the **Micah breakfast**. The prepared food will need to be heated and served, followed by cleanup. The time is from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. Please stop by the table outside the Sanctuary to sign-up if you are able to help.

Roll up your sleeves for the **Annual Red Cross Blood Drive** on August 8, in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-7:00 p.m. You may sign up online at americanredcross.com or call Ralph Lewis, 361-4337.

Out of Chaos, Music - The congregation is invited to join Tina Christie and select students for a **flute recital** on Thursday, August 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There is no charge for admission, but donations will be taken for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Come join us for an evening of great music and support a worthy cause! Contact Tina Christie for more details, christie.tina.l@gmail.com.