

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 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

The Call To Worship

(from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his Name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his Holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

The Prayer of Adoration

O God, as Christ intercedes on our behalf, we are emboldened to come before Your throne of grace. You make us mindful of Your bountiful care as each morning we arise to greet the dawn of a new day. As Your Word is read and proclaimed, we hear how You have been faithful throughout the ages. Be pleased with our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to Your goodness in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

*The Hymn 625

O Lord My God

*The Prayer of Confession

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust Your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for You, working out Your purposes. Forgive us our timid faith and our attempts to take Your place . . . (time for silent confession). . . . Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

(Romans 8:31-39)

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do,
is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.
We believe the Gospel Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.)

The Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 29:15-28*

p. 32 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b*

p. 683 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Song of the Apostle

John Ness Beck

*All things work together for good to those who love God,
to those who are called according to His purpose.*

*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,
how will He not also freely give us all things?*

*All things work together for good to those who love God,
to those who are called according to His purpose.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:26-39*

p. 192 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 830

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

p. 17 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Better Than Contemporary
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

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

Treasures lose their luster, and riches are easily spent, but Your Kingdom endures forever. We approach You, O God, trusting Your will for our lives. You give us assurance of Your abiding presence. You provide us with confidence as we follow Christ's call. Accept now the gifts that we offer so that Your truth may be known throughout the land. In Jesus' Holy Name we ask it. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 238

Thine is the Glory

*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 7/30-8/6

Today (7/30)

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

Monday (7/31)

VBS, *FH* 9am

Tuesday (8/1)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am
VBS, *FH* 9am
Stafford Junction Lunch Prep, *K* 10am

Wednesday (8/2)

VBS, *FH* 9am
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (8/3)

VBS, *FH* 9am
Flute Recital, *S* 7:30am

Saturday (8/5)

Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (8/6)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
Summer Church School Class, *FH* 11am
Fellowship Committee Meeting, *CF* 11am
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

30. Noah Adams, Megan King, William Oplinger, Willard Raines
31. Julian Cadger, William Demarest, Scarlett Joel, Al Moreau

August

1. Elliott Farley, AK Garner, Patty O'Brien
2. Chris Fisher, Patrick Foreman, Justin LeFebre, Lois Nixon, Ava Wright
3. Jacob Demarest, Francesca Poudrier, Sid Seale, Rebecca Whitford
4. Paul Leimer, Daniel Whalen
5. Nita Deegan, Mary Jane King
6. Terrie Crawley, Dora Mae Crooks

Hospital Visitor 7/30-8/5

Donna Hughes, 785-6409

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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 John and Patricia Parkinson in memory of their parents and to the glory of God.

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, August 6:

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;

Romans 9:1-5;

Matthew 14:13-21

Service Attendants

Liturgist
David Hancock

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Rachel Hole

Greeters
Paul & Debbie Leimer, Steve & Debbie Eckel

Ushers
Gay Sullivan,
Sydney Chichester,
Jean Ravinsky,
Paul Leimer

Elevator Assistant
Jim Toler

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Lynn Simms

Greeters
Jim & Tina Christie, Karen & Missy Dodson

Ushers
Gina Whitticar, Helen Fortune,
Suzi Ashby, Dee Kindred

Elevator Assistant
Scott Fischer

Lemonade on the Lawn
Andrea Ilardia & family

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 10:00 services
Heidi Pedersen, Delia Rabatin,
Steve & Amy McCullough,
Rachel Talmadge

We welcome **Steve & Sonia Dettweiler**, Wycliffe Bible Translators, to our church this morning as they update us on their work in Nigeria. They will have a Moment for Mission at both services. Following the 10:00 a.m. service, they will be available in the Middle House to share in more detail about their work.

Welcome home to our **Montreat Youth Conference participants**: David Deaderick, Ben Fidler, McCray Fidler, Lexi Loder, Jamie Loder, Camila Medina, Nick Medina, Ned Maurer, Nils Pedersen, Rachel Talmadge, John Fartro, Olivia Fartro, Sam Horn, Will Rowe, Abe Rowe, Sydney Coffman, Fiona Gilbert, Thomas Hancock, Drew Porter, Andrew Kuliasha, Graham Major, Chris Hall, John Howe, Rev Brittany Tamminga, and Bruce Harvey. We also thank the drivers of the rental van: Kaci LeFebre, Bob Deaderick, Susie and Mike Kuliasha, and driving her minivan, Beth Valasko.

The older children participating in VBS this week will prepare **80 lunches for Stafford Junction** on Tuesday.

Golfers are invited to sign-up to play in the **Campus Christian Community Golf Tournament** on Monday, October 2, at Fredericksburg Country Club. Tee-off in the Captain's Choice tournament is 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$80 per person. There is a sign-up table outside the Sanctuary. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, please contact Brittany Harvey, 907-6009, (harveybg@gmail.com).

Please **be in prayer this week for Vacation Bible School** that begins today and goes through Thursday. We thank our directors, Rachel Hole and Robin Joel, for their leadership and all the volunteers who are helping. **VBS participants and their families**, please join us in the Fellowship Hall today as we kick-off VBS with lunch before we begin at 12:00 p.m. Still need to register? Come to the table in the Education Building Lobby and we will sign you up! Looking forward to a great week.

School Dressing Days will be held August 11 and 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 and 10, and help with pre-registration in July and August. To volunteer, sign up online at signupgenius.com and search schooldressingdays@gmail.com or signup on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Becky Paul, 373-2294, (bcmrpaul@cox.net).

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.

Nationals Baseball - The Fellowship Committee has organized a church-wide outing on Saturday, August 26. Enjoy a day at the ballpark as the Washington Nationals take on the New York Mets. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:05 p.m. and tickets (\$30 each) are limited. Please contact Scott Fischer to reserve yours today!

Movie Under the Stars - As summer begins to wind down, youth of all ages, from rising 6th graders to graduated seniors are invited to join us on August 11, at 8:00 p.m. for a movie under the stars. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair and a snack to share with the group. See you there!

August Church School Teachers' Meetings

Adult teachers' meeting - Monday, August 28, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room

Youth teachers' meeting - Monday, August 28, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Preschool & Elementary teachers' meeting - Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

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.