

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 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

Patti Kerns, Julie Perry, Barbara Powell

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms* 86)

Incline Your ear, O Lord, and give answer.

You are our God. Be gracious, O Lord.

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love
to all who call upon God's Name.

**Let the nations come and bow down before the Lord
to glorify God's Name, for God is great
and has done wondrous things.**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*The Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, in You there are no shadows, no imperfections, and no regrets.
We wish we could say the same about ourselves, but it is not so. We confess
that in our secret lives there crouch things which need dragging out into the
light of Your beauty. We confess that within ourselves there are faults that
we have come to treat as foibles rather than to confront as sin. We confess
that in our hearts are unresolved regrets for hurts inflicted or opportunities
wasted, yet our regrets readily turn to self pity rather than repentance. God
of steadfast love and mercy, forgive us and free us to walk in the light of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose Name we pray. . . (time for silent
confession). . .**

*The Assurance of Pardon

There is nothing God will not do for us.

**Christ went to the cross so that we might know
that life is eternal and sin is not.**

You are forgiven, renewed and restored— live, and help others to live
with the knowledge that God loves us all.

**We will live as people who have died to sin
and who live for Christ. 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

**When words strung together fail us, O God, speak again in some way that
we can truly hear. Let Your Spirit guide us, we pray. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 21:8-21*

p. 20 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17*

p. 669 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 6:1b-11*

p. 189 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 10:24-39*

p. 12 in the pew Bible

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

The Sermon

Peace or Justice
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*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
We offer our gifts to You, as well as our lives, Loving God, so that they might find their way to those who need Your grace, Your hope, Your joy, and Your peace in their lives. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

*The Charge and 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 6/25-7/2

Today (6/25)

Adult Mission Trip to WV
Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
Youth Fellowship Hiking 2pm
Sacred Dance, *U* 3:30pm

Monday (6/26)

Adult Mission Trip to WV

Tuesday (6/27)

Adult Mission Trip to WV
Middle School Conference, *Massanetta*
Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am

Wednesday (6/28)

Adult Mission Trip to WV
Middle School Conference, *Massanetta*
Newsletter Assembly, *CF* 9am
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm

Thursday (6/29)

Adult Mission Trip to WV
Middle School Conference, *Massanetta*

Friday (6/30)

Adult Mission Trip to WV
Middle School Conference, *Massanetta*

Saturday (7/1)

Adult Mission Trip to WV
Micah Breakfast, *FH* 6:30am

Sunday (7/2)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 10am
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

June

25. Brett Betsill, Doris Glidden, Chris Godshall
26. Caleb McAllister
27. Anna Oplinger
28. Michelle Porter
29. Stephen Gloyd, Iain Whitford
30. Betty Brooks, John Copley, Len Dameron, Larry Repanshek, Brittany Tamminga

July

1. Sara Broyles, Ginger Bushman, Bob Calloway, Sidney Hughes, Sharon Humes, Rick Pullen, Steve Spratt, Adam Zimmerman
2. Minta Cadger

Hospital Visitor 6/25-7/1

Susie Kuliasha, 370-1710

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June 25, 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 Kay and Dick Roscoe to the glory of God and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Capsule of Concern: Charlotte Mims, Lillian Remsen, Mary Szymanski, Susie Techlin, Frank Turnage

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, July 2:

Genesis 22:1-14;
Psalm 13;
Romans 6:12-23;
Matthew 10:40-42

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Bobbie Kerns

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Debbie Eckel

Greeters
Suzi Bevan, Pete & Jane
Kolakowski

Ushers
Ed & Piper Foresman, Lamoine
Knepfelkamp, Mary Raye Cox

Elevator Assistant
Jerry Zekert

10:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Gaye Copley

Greeters
Debra Myers, Ellie Bell

Ushers
Mike & Jeanne Ramsburg, Joel
& Julie Young

Elevator Assistant
Peter Humes

Lemonade on the Lawn
Ralph & Betsy Lewis & family

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 10:00 services
Lexie & Jamie Loder, Yealy
family, Robin Joel, Mary Grace
Humes

This morning 16 adults will drive to Hampden, West Virginia, for the **2017 Adult Mission trip**.

They will work on houses in this Appalachia coal mining region that is located near the borders of both Virginia and Kentucky. They will return on Saturday. Please be in prayer for our workers and the community of Hampden.

Nine of our middle school youth and two adults will leave for the **Massanetta Middle School Conference** on Tuesday, June 27, at 12:30 p.m. from the church parking lot. They will join other middle school youth from several states for a time of worship, small groups, keynote, recreation, and more. They will return on Friday, June 30, early afternoon. Please be in prayer for our group and the entire conference.

Summer Book Club 2017 - Join us this summer as we experience *Silence* by Shusaku Endo. From the book jacket: "Shusaku Endo is one of the most celebrated and well-known Japanese fiction writers of the twentieth century, and *Silence* is widely considered to be his great masterpiece." The novel was published in 1964, but received a good deal of attention this past year thanks to the release of Martin Scorsese's film adaptation of the book. To quote Scorsese: "*Silence* is the story of a man who learns - so painfully - that God's love is more mysterious than he knows, that He leaves much more to the ways of men than we realize, and that He is always present . . . even in His silence." Our meetings will be weekly throughout July - beginning on WEDNESDAY, July 5 and then continuing on **Tuesday evenings: July 11, 18, and 25**. We will meet at 7:00 pm., in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jen Rowe (jenrowe@cox.net) for more information and a reading schedule.

Summer Youth Hiking at Motts Run, today. Meet at church at 2:00 p.m. We'll head to Motts Run for an afternoon of light hiking. We will return to the church by 4:00 p.m.

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

On July 17-20, our church will lead **SOKS Camp** for the children of Heritage Park apartments. Volunteers from teens to adults will help with baseball activities and field games from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. at Sunshine. You may help on all four days or just one. Please contact Jim Toler (jimtoler4@yahoo.com) or Bruce Harvey (bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org) for more information or to sign up.

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 years olds through rising 5th graders). Come have a glass of lemonade and sign up for VBS!

Prime Timers and Empty Nesters are encouraged to stop by the table outside the Sanctuary after worship to vote for their top two choices for the **2018 overnight trip next May**. The choices are Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Kentucky, New York, and Charleston. There are descriptions of each trip at the table.

VBS Nursery Volunteers - It takes many hands and hearts to put together a week of Vacation Bible School, and many of those hands have small children not yet big enough to participate. 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. There will be lots of laughter, maybe a few tears and plenty of goldfish to go around! If you would like to help our volunteers and spend the week with the youngest members of our congregation, please contact Robin Joel (rjoel515@gmail.com) or Rachel Hole (rjarnecke@yahoo.com) or come see us at the sign up table during lemonade on the lawn.

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. There is a need for those who speak Spanish or other languages to assist our refugee population. To volunteer, sign up online at signupgenius.com and search schooldressingdays@gmail.com or sign up on Sunday mornings. Additional ways to help include: monetary donations (make check to Interfaith Community Council with "School Dressing Days" on the memo line); donations of girls' underwear, sizes 10, 12, 14 (no hi-rise briefs please), or boys and men's socks (all sizes and styles *except* small), toiletry items (bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant). We are also collecting new and/or gently used tennis shoes (all sizes), flats for teenage girls, backpacks, and gently used or new hoodies. Please do not bring worn out shoes. Donations may be put in the bin in the Education Building Lobby or outside the Sanctuary on Sundays. 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.

Help at Stafford Junction - On Wednesdays, July 12 and 19, our church will put together 60 bag lunches for the summer day camp program at Stafford Junction. Volunteers will meet in the kitchen at 10:00 a.m. to assemble the lunches. If you are able to help, please contact Bruce. You may also help at the Stafford Junction summer day program in the afternoons Monday-Thursdays, July 3 - August 3, skipping July 4. Mondays and Wednesdays are for 4-6 year olds, and Tuesdays and Thursdays are for 7-11 year olds. To volunteer, please contact Lynn Hamilton at Stafford Junction, 540-368-0081 or info@staffordjunction.org.

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 (these would be to borrow for the week) two small kid pools and old large sheets to drape over canopy tents. We are turning the Fellowship Hall into Ancient Rome, so if you have any of these items or anything you would like to add that would make our scene come to life, then please contact Robin Joel, 229-1421 (rjoel515@gmail.com) or Rachel Hole 903-0677 (rjarnecke@yahoo.com)