

September 3, 2017 ~ Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost

ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Psalm Prelude" Herbert Howells

† OPENING HYMN No. 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Sing a song of thanksgiving

All: Declare God's wondrous deeds. For the Lord dwells among the people; the glory of God abides with us. Thanks be to God!

† PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in the self-giving love of Christ you have revealed the path of salvation; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

By the power of your Spirit, O Lord, make your Word become a joy to us and the delight of our hearts. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Pg. 47 Exodus 3: 1-15

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

† PSALTER No. 828 with response Psalm 105

† GOSPEL READING Pg. 851 Matthew 16:21-28

The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 am service: *Come and Follow Me* Robert S. Cohen
Lynda Rainey, soprano

ANTHEM *At the Table of the Lord* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON "Follow the Leader" Rev. Elizabeth A. Lutz

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 883 A Statement of Faith
of the United Church of Canada

† HYMN No. 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God to save, let us confess our sins before God and this assembly.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us and from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of Confession may be made in Silence.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life. In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* Richard A. Williamson

† DOXOLOGY No. 95 *United Methodist Hymnal*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 2254 Faith We Sing Book

In Remembrance of Me

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING No. 17

United Methodist Hymnal
Our Responses continue on No. 18

† SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN No. 338

Where He Leads Me

† PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

One: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

All: Listen to us, O Lord. Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with His gifts along the way to full unity. Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world. We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ adapted from Litany for Christian Unity, *United Methodist Hymnal* No. 556

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Please depart in silence or remain until the Postlude has concluded.

Words in *bold* are to be spoken by the congregation.

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Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

Matthew 16:24-25

Rev. Elizabeth A. Lutz, Pastor

Thom Robertson, Director of Music Ministries



Joan Bonnett, Finance

Betty Mills, Administrative Assistant



Ronald Bowser, Custodian

Weekly Calendar

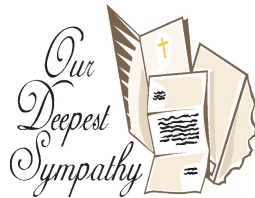
Leading our Worship:
Lay Reader: 8:30 am - Doug Lutz
10:45 am - Doug Lutz
Ushers: 8:30 am - Ed Wagner & Gene Garriss
10:45 am - Mission Team



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Hal and Barbara Swiatek in honor of the Chancel Choir, and music Director, Thom Robertson.

To Be Remembered:

*Ann Barker, Dick Kintigh, Tami Langford,
Delores Mitcham, Annemarie Parker, Doris Preston,
Pat Robinson, James Violante, and Barbara Yost*



Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Ruth Frazier's upon her recent death. Condolences may be sent too:
Mr. Reginald Frazier, Jr. 2
Quail Cove, Proquoson, VA. 23662



Welcome Guests to this service of worship! Please complete the information on the attendance register located in each pew. Cushions & listening receivers are available for your use during the service by asking an usher.

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<p>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD 8:30 am: Worship Service 9:35 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service</p> <p>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH Holiday - Office Closed</p> <p>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH 10:00 am: Pre-School Meet & Greet 1:00 pm: U.M.W. Exec. Meeting - Multi-Purpose Room 3:00 pm: Lay Leadership Mtg. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH Pre-School Begins 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 9:30 am: Coffee with the Pastor at Indulge Bakery 7:00 pm: Grant meeting -Fellowship Hall</p> <p>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH 8:30 am: Worship Service 9:35 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service Noon: Reception for Thom Robertson</p>
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Communion Offering: Our communion offering today will be given to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The money will be targeted to provide disaster relief for those who lives have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey and its flood waters. Because you give, The United Methodist Church will have arms and legs on site to provide a compassionate response to human suffering for those in desperate need in Texas and Louisiana.

Food Program: The food donation item for next Sunday, September 10th, is a can of fruit.

