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All members of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship Communion Sunday

August 6, 2017

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

PRELUDE

Spirit Song/Spirit of God
Paula W. Legge, organist

arr. John Carter

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Ancient Words
(see insert)

Lynn DeShazo

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Doug Jenkins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Leader: Lord, for filling our lives so full that we forget the difference between “need” and “want,”

All: Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: For investing so much time in worldly pursuits that we overlook Your presence,

All: Help us to de-clutter our lives so that we can follow You better.

Leader: For placing too much emphasis on ourselves and not enough on the rest of Your creation,

All: Help us, Lord, to prioritize our time and resources so that they will serve You better.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew’s end, so you may greet each other by name.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN 792

There is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

Ginna Taylor

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Someone’s Praying, Lord

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*Doxology

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Doug Jenkins

May these offerings assist in delivering Your people from bondage of forgetfulness, rescue us from slavery to traditions, and liberate the hungry, abused and oppressed. Open our eyes to see the nearby opportunities and actions in which we can engage, to help You use us in answering Your will. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
EPISTLE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31; Pew Bible, OT, p. 30
Romans 9:1-5; Pew Bible, NT, p. 159

Doug Jenkins

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:28-40, 60-70; Pew Bible, NT, p. 98

Bill McCoy

SERMON

Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

Bill McCoy

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Come Just As You Are

Joseph Sabolick

Come just as you are. Hear the Spi - rit call.

Come just as you are. Come and see, come re-ceive, come and live for - ev - er!

Life ev - er - last - ing, and strength for to - day.

Taste the Liv - ing Wa - ter and nev - er thirst a - gain.

Come just as you are. Hear the Spir - it call.

Come just as you are. Come and see, come re-ceive, come and live for - ev - er!

Come and see, come re-ceive, come and live for - ev - er - er - more.

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Salutation: The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts!

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - - - ry.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Doug Jenkins

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten-free wafers are located in the center of each bread plate.)

Anthem for Communion I Rejoice Dave Pearcy

*I rejoice in my coming to The Lord. I rejoice in my coming to The Lord.
Though I have strayed as a sheep I am welcomed to the feast. I rejoice in my coming to The Lord.*

*I see Your love in the beauty of the earth. Your Loving Hand directs each day at its birth.
Reaching for all as a shepherd to Your Great Gathering, calling all Creation so Gloriously.*

*I think of Love that is given at such a cost, love that is given to the weary and the lost.
Love was shed as the Blood on The Cross at Calvary, offering redemption for someone like me.*

*I will not be alone. All of creation is called Home.
Family, friends beyond all memories—Awesome and Great Are Your deeds!*

Dave Pearcy, soloist

*CONCLUDING HYMN 513 This is the Feast of Victory FESTIVAL CANTICLE

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING HYMN 541

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE Praise Gilbert M. Martin
Paula W. Legge, organist

We gather to worship; we scatter to serve.

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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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: *In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank Kiera Daugherty for serving as acolyte during worship
: July 30.
: *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please
: accompany children.
: *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114
: *Elder visitation:* David Campbell, Andy Ceperley, Emilie Couch
: *The flowers in the sanctuary today* remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund by
: Kay & Curt Marble for the glory of God in celebration of Kay Marble's birthday on August 6th and in
: memory of their parents, Mike and Myrtle Chorech and Don and Helen Marble.
: *Greeters today:* Mark and Sue Brand, Jessica Harper, and Jeanne Javins
: *We are thankful* for the generous gifts given this week in memory of John McGee.
: PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THIS BULLETIN OR DROP IT IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!
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