



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 16, 2017

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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MR. KENNETH FRIESE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MRS. DIANE STAROST, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MUSIC

MS. TINA CODY, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND
YOUTH MINISTRIES

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Improvisation

Ken Friese

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Hymn No. 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

(Sung twice, second time replacing “me” with “us.”)

Call to Worship

—Based on Psalm 119:97-112

Minister:

Oh Lord, our God; how we love your Word!

It is our prayerful meditation all day long.

People:

**Your commandments are with us always,
making us wiser than those who oppose us.**

Minister:

Through your Word and Law I receive understanding;
therefore, I turn from all false ways.

People:

**We have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

Minister:

Accept my offering of praise, O Lord,
and strengthen me to never forget your holy laws.

People:

**Your decrees are our heritage forever;
they are the everlasting joy of our hearts.**

Minister:

Praising the Lord for the Word of our God,
let us lift our hearts as we worship our God.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn No. 824

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our lives and the world around us are filled with noise. Demands on our time, competing forces for our attention, and the growing desire to do more, become noises that constrain our spirits and consume our energy. Too often, we allow these distractions to drown out the need for your presence in our lives and we fail to seek out moments of prayerful discernment with you. We are led farther away from opportunities to quietly listen for your voice and hear you speak, because we have neglected to listen in silence.

Loving God, drown out the noise in our lives and lead us to quiet moments of prayer and meditation. Open our hearts, so that we may hunger for your renewal in the stillness. Open our spirits, so that we may desire your peace-filled presence. Open our ears, so that we may hear your still, small voice. Open our lives to you, as we are reminded that your Word comes in the sound of sheer silence and empower us to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit. We pray together in the name of Jesus, our Christ, the Lord and Savior of our lives ...

(Continue in silent prayer of confession.)

Together, let all God's people say, **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison, No. 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: God acts with justice and mercy.

In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

All: God forgives us, frees us and gives us peace.

To God, we are ever thankful. Amen.

*Gloria Patri, No. 581

*Passing of the Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

we also ought to forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Time with Our Young Disciples

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list this week:

Pat Slater (former colleague of Emil Backstrom), Ken Peterson (member)

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

The Cornell Family (Cherie/staff), Kadi Cuneo (Worledge family friend), DJ Davis (son of close friend to Gloria and Paul Burgess), Stephanie Folk and her unborn baby (Leslie & Ralph Yovino's daughter), William Gray (Dorothy Mandrakos' father), Dave and Else Haddock (members), Kristin Keydel (Pam Fosella's sister), Pat Lobasso (Joan Lobasso's husband), Cynde and Robert Raynor (Brett's parents), Rebecca Raynor (Brett's sister), James Schubauer (member), Gerry Schult (member), Marian Vozza (Holly Baptista's sister), and family, and Grace Youngquist (member).

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

*If you wish to have a name remain on the list,
kindly contact the Church Office by noon on Wednesdays.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CLUB: will not be meeting over the summer but will resume Wednesday, September 13th!

TUXIS: Summer events: Kayaking, bowling, lock-in, and beach party! Check your emails for specific dates!

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL: Fun lessons throughout the summer with Katie and Kerry will be on Sunday, July 23 and August 6 in Room 102.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 21-25/9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

MAKER FUN FACTORY - CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE. Join us for a fun-filled week of discovery, games, stories and more! Registration forms available in the Church Office. Hope to see you there!

THRIFT STORE:

- ♦ Volunteers are needed for Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 1:30 pm. Please let Cynthia know if you can work occasionally or every week. Clothing donations are accepted during hours of operation. Please place any donations of bins and bags in the AA Room—10 when the Thrift store is closed. Thank you.
- ♦ Does your child need Community Service? Come in to the Thrift Shop and help. We can provide signed documentation for the time they served.

COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL: Items needed for the month of July are:

Pasta Sauce and Rice. Thank you for your generous donations.

LOST & FOUND:

- **DENIM JACKET - SIZE 6** from Talbots was found in the Sanctuary recently. If you are missing this item, please contact the church office.

- **READING GLASSES:** If you are missing a pair of reading glasses, please stop by the church office. We have several pairs found recently.

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16 - 2017

10:00 -11:00 a.m. Worship
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

Monday, July 17 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
9:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Institute of Reading Development
(*Room 101*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. NA (*Lower Level*)

Tuesday, July 18 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)
1:00-2:00 p.m. AA (*Lower Level – Room 10*)

Wednesday, July 19 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
12:00-9:00 p.m. Institute of Reading Development (*Room 101*)
7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

Thursday, July 20 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)

Friday, July 21 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Institute of Reading Development (*Room 101*)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Al Anon (*Lower Level Room 10*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)

Sunday, July 23 - 2017

10:00 -11:00 a.m. Worship
10:20-11:00 a.m. Summer Church School (*Room 102*)
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)



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Guiding the church as we seek to serve Christ and our community

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FIRST LESSON
1 Kings 19:1-9a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND LESSON
1 Kings 19:9b-15a

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**