



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 2, 2017

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude                      Improvisation    *Ken Friese*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn No. 288    "Spirit of the Living God"

*(Sung twice, second time replacing "me" with "us.")*

Call to Worship    —Based on Psalm 13

Minister:                      How long, O Lord, will you hide your face from me?

**People:                      Will you forget me forever;  
how long must I wait for deliverance?**

Minister:                      Consider my prayer and hear me, O Lord my God.

**People:                      Enlighten my eyes and give me strength  
to prevail over hardship.**

Minister:                      But I have trusted in your everlasting mercy;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**People:                      I will sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has provided abundant blessings!**

Minister:                      In the presence of the Lord who hears our prayers,  
let us worship our God together.

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn No. 506    "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ,  
perfect in every way; kind and compassionate, faithful and loving,  
welcoming and hospitable. You call us to new lives of freedom to follow in  
the way of our Christ and live as faithful examples of the loving sacrifice**

that defined his life and ministry. But rather than embracing the freedom of our lives in Christ, we bind ourselves to old patterns of living, marked by living as slaves to sinful patterns of fear and hate. We long to live lives that show the fruit of the Spirit at work among us; but instead, we settle for living as slaves to the desires of the flesh.

Loving God, forgive our failings and raise us to new and everlasting life so that we may serve you with humility and faithfulness. Encourage us to continue our faith journeys with renewed courage and joy, trusting that the freedom we are given in Jesus Christ is true and lasting. Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may obey the commandments of our Savior ... loving our God and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray together in the great name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and our Savior ...

*(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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Galatians 3:23-29

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



\*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them up to the Lord.  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Words of Institution

Communion

*Communion will be served today by intinction.*

*Please come forward, receive the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.*

*If you are unable to come forward, the servers will bring the elements to you.*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn No. 337 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction, No. 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"  
*(Verses 1 and 5 only)*

\*Organ Postlude "Ceremonial March" *H. Sumsion*

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor

Tom Bosch, Lector

Charles Worledge, Usher Captain

Roger Ketcham, Jared Ponzetti, and Bill Roe

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*—This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God.*

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please sign the flower calendar in the central foyer or call the church office.

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## IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

Kadi Cuneo (Worledge family friend), 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 Voza (Holly Baptista's sister), Roberta Williams (member) 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:** TODAY with Katie and Kerry in Room 102. More fun lessons throughout the summer will be on Sunday July 23 and August 6.

**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!

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:**

All PW circles and Board will not be meeting during the summer and will resume in September. C1/Evening programs and C3 Bible Studies have not yet been determined.

- **CIRCLE-4/QUILTING** Quilting will break for the summer (unless otherwise called) and resume Thursday, September 7, 2017.
- **CIRCLE-6/CRAFTS** Crafts are taking a break for the summer and resume again on Friday September 8th.
- **LAYETTE:** The layette is in need of girls' baby blankets.

### **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, one found in the pulpit in the Sanctuary recently and one was found some time ago in the kitchen.

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**WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 2 - 2017**

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

**Monday, July 3 - 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 4 - 2017**

*Independence Day*

**CHURCH OFFICE/BUILDING CLOSED**

**Wednesday, July 5 - 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*)  
7:30-9:00 p.m. B.S. Troop 32 (*Gym*)

**Thursday, July 6 - 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 7 - 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 9 - 2017**

10:00 -11:00 a.m. Worship

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**  
Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Leader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:           Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Leader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:           Thanks be to God.**