



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 9, 2017

5th Sunday after Pentecost

REV. MATTHEW T. MEANS, PASTOR

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*

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 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in times of trouble and distress.

**People: Therefore, though the earth should change
and the mountains shake, we will not fear.**

Minister: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will deliver it with the morning.**

Minister: Be still and know that the Lord is God!
Exalt God among the nations and throughout the earth.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our
refuge; we will not be afraid.**

Minister: Taking comfort in the presence of our God,
let us lift our voices as we worship God together.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn No. 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, whose love is more forgiving than we deserve, show us
your mercy and forgive us for failing to recognize our need for your love,**

grace, and mercy. Set us free from the pain, heartache, and shame of acts of unkindness we have done before thinking twice; acts of caring we have left undone until the opportunity has passed us by; allowing our vision to be clouded by our selfish needs and desires; our reluctance to show our faith, hope, and love through word and deed; avoiding the silence necessary to hear your voice and grow in your ways; and neglecting the commitments required of us in community.

Loving God, forgive us through your unconditional love, restore us by your eternal forgiveness, and reorder our lives with your everlasting grace. Renew our hearts, minds, strength, and spirits through Jesus, our Savior, empowering us to proclaim the story of your faithfulness and abundance of your love. Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit so that our future may not simply be a repetition of our past. We pray together in the name of Jesus, our Christ ...

(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 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

N.T. p.11,12/P.14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music “The Call” *R. Vaughan Williams*
 Ken Duncan, Tenor

Second Lesson Romans 7:15-25a N.T. p.157/P.191
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“People Need the Lord”**

*Hymn No. 735 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

*Affirmation of Faith --(*from A Brief Statement of Faith–Presbyterian Church U.S.A.*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying,
“Come, Lord Jesus!”**

Invitation to Receive our Tithes and Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Antiphon” *R. Vaughan Williams*
 Ken Duncan, Tenor

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the 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.

*Hymn No. 835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction, No. 543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

(Verses 1 and 5 only)

*Organ Postlude

“Toccata”

J.P. Sweelinck

**Please stand, as you are able.*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor

Priscilla Jahier, Lector

Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

Roger Ketcham and Bill Roe

—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.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list this week: DJ Davis (son of close friend to Gloria and Paul Burgess)

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), and family, and Grace Youngquist (member).

Removed from our prayer list this week: Roberta Williams (member) and family

Prayers of Christian sympathy and love to: the Cornell Family as they grieve the sudden loss of Cherie's mother-in-law.

*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!

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 8, 2017.
- **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 found recently.

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 9 - 2017

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

Monday, July 10 - 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*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Comm. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

Tuesday, July 11 - 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*)
7:00-9:00 p.m. Session (*off site*)

Wednesday, July 12 - 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 COH (*Parish Hall*)

Thursday, July 13 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
10:00-11:00 a.m. Archives (*Lower Level Room 7*)
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 14 - 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 16 - 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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND LESSON
Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God