

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship together this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads located in the pews. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"Cantilene"

Tony Merry

Pastor Mark

D. Lasky

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*OPENING HYMN 89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*OPENING PRAYER

Elden Hudson

O God, just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face, so let us look to you in order to understand the things that we have done amiss. We are like a reed shaken in the wind, we are inexpressibly weak. Leave us not to ourselves, but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Majesty"

J. Hayford/arr. J. Schrader

Grace Chancel Choir

(As the children come forward and depart the sanctuary, the congregation may sing

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" - 277 - vs. 1)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

Cassie Burris

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

AS WE FORGIVE

Pastor Mark Chow

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER 390

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace and reconciliation. Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Chaconne"

A. Giamanco

*DOXOLOGY 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN 389

"Freely, Freely"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION 585

"This Little Light of Mine" [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE

"Built on a Rock"

W. Held

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 15

Worship – 21, 64

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 17 Kim Truemper, Blair Swope

September 18 Sybil Maddox

September 19 Julie McAllister

September 20 Laura Dunn, Laura Maasdam, Brett Poydence

September 21 Paul Dearth

September 22 Layla Lepi

September 23 Connor Sidwell, Kaitlin Smith

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, September 17		
Monday, September 18		
Tuesday, September 19		
Wednesday, September 20	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 21	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Classroom
	7:30 p.m.	Administrative Board – Classroom
Friday, September 22	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, September 23		
Sunday, September 24	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

HURRICANE HARVEY and HURRICANE IRMA – You Can Help! In light of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, UMCOR is issuing a call for relief. You can support UMCOR Disaster Relief by making a donation to Grace Church and indicating “Harvey” or “Irma”.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING — Saturday, October 21 – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The eight hour Basic Class training will teach you how to assist survivors of natural disasters in their time of need. You will provide a Christian presence while taking steps to prevent further damage to a family's personal property, tarping, debris removal, cleaning out flooded homes, etc. FEMA recognizes this training to be able to enter a disaster scene. Certification from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) will be issued to attendees.

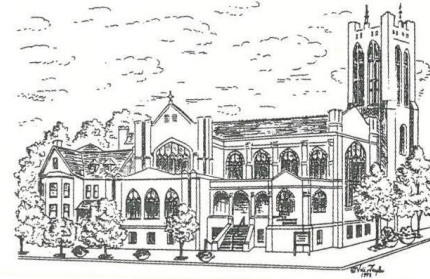
Lunch is provided. Location – Decatur UMC – 3214 St. Rt. 555, Little Hocking, OH 45742
A background check is required so download the Permission to Release Information form and follow the instructions on the second page to return it to Kris Shoaf.

Contact – Kris Shoaf — email – kshoaf@wocumc.org

Price – Basic (includes lunch) - \$40 Recertification (includes lunch) - \$35

To register go to – <http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/ert-decatur-umc>

LOOKING AHEAD – SOUPer Bowl Luncheon – **October 15** – OUZ-Zane State Campus Center



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Forgiveness

*Today is the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
This morning we hear a story Jesus told about forgiveness.*

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Thank you to Joyce Cooper and our praise team for leading us in worship.

Gathering for Celebration

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Matthew 18:21-35

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *As We Forgive* — Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Prayer of Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Going Forth to Celebrate

Join us in *Grace Place* [Fellowship Hall] between services for a service project. Members will be working together to assemble HYGIENE BAGS for those affected by the recent storms. Our help is being requested by the Foothills District of the UMC. Please contribute \$17 for each bag. The Outreach Committee will purchase the specifically requested items for the congregation to organize and bag during the *Grace Place* time. Thank you once again for your generosity in this time of need!!!