

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 4, 2016

16th 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

WORSHIP CHIMES

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

PRELUDE "Christ, Redeemer of All"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord.**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

\*HYMN 553 "And Are We Yet Alive"

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

*"Jesus Loves Me" - 191 vs. 1)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children will go for KidsOwnWorship)*

Cindy Lawyer

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:25-33

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

COUNT THE COST

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

OFFERTORY "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

G. W. Cassler

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 13-15

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(The Sacrament of Communion will be received in the pews this morning. Communion servers will distribute the trays with the elements to you. When all have received the elements, we will commune together.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

\*CLOSING HYMN 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sortie Douce"

H. Mulet

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Bill and Mary Helen Straker in memory of their parents.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School --

Worship --, 130

Starting **Sept. 11** during Kids'OwnWorship, we will begin a trek through the Bible. In the Shinnick St. lobby we will have a white board. Each week it will be labeled with the book we're going to talk about the next week. If you have a particular verse or story from the book we're about to study, please post it on a sticky note or use the marker. We will try to incorporate that in the lesson!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

September 4 Meg Deedrick  
September 5 Bill Cochran  
September 6 Meagan Brown, Susan Hendley, Patty Reynolds  
September 7 Emily Forshey, Nathaniel Maasdam, Mark Mechling  
September 8 Jennifer Johnston-Baker, Robert Mock  
September 10 Parker Alfman, Rose McPherson, David Wolfe

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

Sunday, September 4  
Monday, September 5                    *LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED*  
Tuesday, September 6                6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee – Classroom  
Wednesday, September 7            11:30 a.m. OWLS – Fellowship Hall  
    6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
    7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
Thursday, September 8                6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Classroom  
Friday, September 9                    6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Parlor  
Saturday, September 10  
Sunday, September 11                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  
    1:45 p.m. Cry Out America – American Pride, McIntire Ave.  
    4:00 p.m. Blue Mass – St. James Episcopal Church

**VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church**

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

Thanks to our worship leaders this morning:

Greeters –  
Usher Coordinators – Jim Schumacher, Dana Swope  
Elevator Attendants –

Liturgist – Todd Sands  
Acolytes –  
Children's Moment – Cindy Lawyer  
Communion Steward – Janet Hill  
Communion Servers –  
Nursery Care Provider – Julie McAllister  
Sound – Craig Hill, Dan Vincent, Bill Woods

Staff

Admin. Asst. – Judy Cranz  
Christian Educ. – Sarah Burris  
Custodian – Tracie Moss  
Handbell Director – Ann Briggs  
Organist – Tony Merry  
Parish Visitor – Judy McAllister  
Pastor – Mark Chow  
Pianist – Joyce Cooper



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***Living as Disciples***

*Jesus invites His followers to leave everything behind and follow Him.  
He challenges would-be followers to consider the cost of following.*

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

*This morning we welcome Joyce Cooper as new Worship Leader/Pianist.*

**Gathering for Celebration — “This Is My Father's World”**

**Celebration Through Praise**

**Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – Luke 14:25-33

Message – *Count the Cost* – Pastor Mark Chow

**Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory — *“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want / Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us”*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Going Forth to Celebrate**

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**Grief Share** is a seminar and support group at Grace Church for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The next Grief Share series begins on Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parsimar classroom across from the Fellowship Hall. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office - 452-9317.