

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2017

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning 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

Tony Merry

GREETING

Pastor Mark

PRELUDE

"Prelude on 'For the Beauty of the Earth'"

C. Cooman

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*OPENING HYMN 368

"My Hope Is Built"

*OPENING PRAYER

Diane Marks

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

ANTHEM

"This Train"

arr. D. Moore

Grace Men's Ensemble

(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

Cassie Burris

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-46

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

SENSELESS VIOLENCE

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER 529

"How Firm a Foundation" [vs. 1, 2]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader – We are people who journey as vessels containing wellsprings of hope. We pause and reflect on how your divine waters wash over us, cleansing us and calling us to ministry and faith.

Let us pray for our global community....

Let us pray for those in our lives and in the world who are bent over with heavy burdens....

Let us pray for those living in the midst of violence....

Let us pray for those living in poverty....

Let us pray for the effort of peace....

Let us pray for the call within by the One who creates in us wellsprings of hope....

All – O Creator God, may the waters that covered us at our birth once again remind us of our creation in you. Remind us that we are vessels of the waters of hope and that your outpourings have power to heal and make whole our bruised world. Let your living waters surround us so we may remember we are yours and be thankful. Amen.

RESPONSE 529

"How Firm a Foundation" [vs. 3, 4, 5]

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

J. G. Walther

*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 546

"The Church's One Foundation"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION 672

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE

"Ricercare"

G. P. dePalestrina

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are in loving memory of John Mock and Greg Mock given by Mary Ruth Mock and children, Debbie, Jeff, Bob, and families.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 17

Worship – 23, 76

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

October 8 John Bogard, Samuel M. Henderson, Craig Hill

October 9 Jack Adams, Ann Huntsman

October 10 Jacquie Pica

October 11 Kelli Israel

October 12 Abbie Elswick, Tracie Moss

October 13 Craig Luburgh

October 14 Ashton Sidwell, Donna Cole, Mack Palmer

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, October 8	1:30 p.m.	CROP Walk – Zane's Landing
Monday, October 9		
Tuesday, October 10	6:30 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Comm. – Parlor
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees - Classroom
Wednesday, October 11	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, October 12	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study
Friday, October 13	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, October 14		
Sunday, October 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:115	Church School – all ages
	10:00-2:00	Souper Bowl Luncheon – OUZ/Zane State
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

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

NEXT SUNDAY – Rev. Mike McGuire (Pastor at Rushing Wind Church) will be preaching at both services.

ACE FOR GRACE 2017 — 5K Run / Walk

Race for Grace is quickly coming upon us — Thursday, November 23 – 9:00 a.m. — and as in years past, we will be needing lots of volunteers, sponsors, and participants to make this a successful event. We have chosen a 3/4 sleeve baseball t-shirt for the swag and will be giving out Race for Grace socks to all finishers. To register for the event, you can go to this link — <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/14480/race-for-grace-2017> or go to <http://graceumcz.org/> and download an application. Please feel free to contact Becky Woods – 740-683-4529 or Bob Moon – 740-704-5850 if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!



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Hope in Christ

Today is the eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

This morning we hear a story Jesus told about some evil farmers.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Thank you to Marcie Butterfield and our praise team for leading us in worship.

Gathering for Celebration

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Matthew 21:33-46

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *Senseless Violence* — Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Going Forth to Celebrate

TODAY – The CROP Walk will take place at Zane's Landing beginning at 1:30 p.m. You may walk or donate for others to walk.

TICKETS for the Souper Bowl Luncheon — **next Sunday** — are available from Judy McAllister or the church office [advance - \$5; at the door - \$6]. This event will be held at OUZ/Zane State Campus Center — 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Dine-In and Carry-Out available. Please mark the registration pad if you can provide cookies.