

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2017

13th 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 "Prelude"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tony Merry
Pastor Mark
A. Cather

Amelia Lepi

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 159 "Lift High the Cross"

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children will go for KidsOwnWorship)

Cindy Lawyer

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-28

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

JUST SAY NO

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 886 "World Methodist Social Affirmation"

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Deck Thyself My Soul With Gladness"

G. Lachenauer

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 by intinction this morning. You may come down the center aisles and receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. For those wishing to receive the elements in the pews, simply remain seated and the communion stewards will come to you.)

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

*CHORAL BENEDICTION 585 "This Little Light of Mine" [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE "Voluntary"

J. Garth

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

A ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is to welcome the arrival of a son, Kipton Vance, born on August 22 to Jeff & Kenzie McLean. Grandmother is Debbie O'Neal.

A ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is to welcome the arrival of a daughter, Macy June, born on Aug. 30 to Brady & Allison Palmer. Grandparents are Rick & Cindy Lawyer; Great-grandmother is June Lawyer.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School –

Worship – –, 158

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 4 Meg Deedrick
September 5 Bill Cochran
September 6 Meagan Anderson, Susan Hendley, Patty Reynolds
September 7 Emily Forshey, Nathaniel Maasdam, Mark Mechling
September 8 Jennifer Johnston-Baker, Robert Mock

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, September 3
Monday, September 4
Tuesday, September 5
Wednesday, September 6
Thursday, September 7
Friday, September 8
Saturday, September 9
Sunday, September 10

LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee – Classroom
7:00 p.m. Yoga
11:30 a.m. OWLS – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Classroom
6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Parlor
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

CHOIRS BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 6

Handbell Choir rehearsal will be from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the choir should contact Ann Briggs at alillie@columbus.rr.com.
Chancel Choir rehearsal will be from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining this choir, contact Tony Merry at tmerry@tmerrylaw.com.

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

ALSO, North Terrace Church of Christ (Brandywine Blvd.) is collecting items to take to Texas on 9/9. Cleaning supplies, personal items, bottled water, pet supplies can be left at the pole barn next to the church – M-F – 9:00-5:00. NO clothes.



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Cost of Discipleship

Today is the thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. This morning we hear Jesus' invitation to follow him, along with the cost of following Jesus.

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 16:21-28

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Message – *Just Say No* – Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Going Forth to Celebrate

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 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office - 452-9317.