

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 11, 2016

17th 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 "In Memoriam"

In memory of those who died on September 11, 2001

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tony Merry
Todd Sands
C. Penfield

William Black

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,
So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,
So God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.

Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the Name of Jesus Christ.

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*OPENING PRAYER William Black

Almighty and merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things you command; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANTHEM "Be Still My Soul" Setting by C. Courtney
Grace Chancel Choir

(As the children come forward and depart the sanctuary, the congregation may sing "Jesus Loves Me" - 191 vs. 1)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Burriss

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF PREPARATION 348 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" [vs. 1 & 4]

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

LET'S CELEBRATE!

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Largo on 'Rock of Ages'" A. Jordan

*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 381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fugue in G" J. S. Bach

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 11 Worship – 25, 85

Starting TODAY 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 12 Janet Hill, Barbara Moon, Paul Swan
 September 13 Amelia Henderson, Ken Probasco, Makenzie Smith, Vic Thompson, Patti Winhoven
 September 14 Jennifer Friel, Melanie Hanson, Bill Huston
 September 15 Alice Graham, Mary Marlowe, Halle Randles
 September 16 Jennah Flarey, Laura James, Declan Truemper
 September 17 Kim Truemper, Blair Swope

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, September 11	1:45 p.m.	Cry Out America – American Pride, McIntire Ave.
	4:00 p.m.	Blue Mass – St. James Episcopal Church
Monday, September 12	5:15 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Team
	6:00 p.m.	Nominations & Lay Leadership – Parlor
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parsimar Room
Tuesday, September 13		
Wednesday, September 14	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 15		<i>GRAPEVINE Deadline</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study
	8:00 p.m.	Administrative Board – Parsimar Room
Friday, September 16	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, September 17		
Sunday, September 18	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

Thanks to our worship leaders this morning:

Greeters –
 Usher Coordinators – Jim Schumacher, Dana Swope
 Elevator Attendants – Bob & Martha Lentz

Liturgists – Todd Sands, William Black
 Acolytes – Coty Brown, Gabe Dolen, Libby Dolen, Dana Swope
 Children's Moment – Sarah Burris

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

Nursery Care Provider – Julie McAllister
 Sands
 Sound – Craig Hill, Dan Vincent, Bill Woods

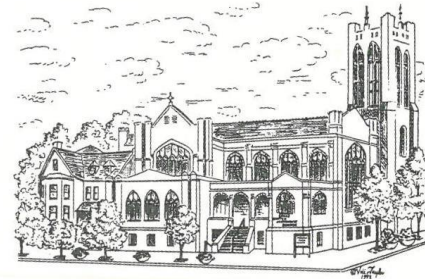
Volunteer Lay Visitor – Todd

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Living as Disciples

After being criticized for spending time with tax collectors and even eating with sinners, Jesus tells these stories to the religious leaders in response to their complaints.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

This morning we welcome Marcie Butterfield as our pianist.

Gathering for Celebration

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Luke 15:1-10

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *Let's Celebrate!* - Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

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 Grief Share series begins tomorrow and meets on Mondays 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).