

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 2, 2018

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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.**

HYMN 147 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" [vs. 1]

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

GOOD BEGINNINGS

Tony Merry  
Pastor Mark  
C. Christiansen

Todd Sands

Cindy Lawyer

Pastor Mark Chow

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

**God of Miracles, We praise Your Holy name and thank You for loving us.**

**Awaken Grace Church to Your calling...**

**Unleash Your power within us...**

**Break through our hearts and minds...so we will be open to Your God-sized plans.**

**Let Your light shine through us, so we may be an example of Your love to others!**

**In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Stimmungsbild 4"

M. Markus

#### 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 644 "Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION 122 "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE "Postlude in D Minor" R. Vierne

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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 – 10

Worship – --, 95

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- September 2 Bob Cross
- 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 2
- Monday, September 3 *LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED*
- Tuesday, September 4 6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee – Classroom
- Wednesday, September 5 11:30 a.m. OWLS – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Thursday, September 6 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Classroom
- Friday, September 7 6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Parlor
- Saturday, September 8
- Sunday, September 9 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
- 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 5**

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](mailto: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](mailto:tmerry@tmerrylaw.com).

**NEXT SUNDAY -- 4:00 p.m.**

St. James Episcopal Church is offering a special service to honor police, firefighters, and emergency services for their dedication to the safety of the public. It will also be a memorial to those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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**Season of Creation**

*Today is the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. During this worship series, we will join Christians around the world in praying for and caring about creation. This morning we are reminded that we all are connected to Creation.*

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

*Thank you to Joyce Cooper and our Praise Team for leading us in worship.*

**Gathering for Celebration** — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – Larson

**Celebration Through Praise**

**Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message – *Good Beginnings* – Pastor Mark Chow

**Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory — “The Gift of Love” – Larson

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Going Forth to Celebrate** — “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

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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 10, 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 – 740-452-9317.