

**A Service for the Worship of God**

July 15, 2018

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am

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**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LETTER TO THE EARLY CHURCH

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP No. 390 Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Generous God, we acknowledge that all we have is a gift from you. We confess our enjoyment of abundance and our reluctance to share. We pray you will open our eyes to the needs which exist around us and open our hearts to joyful giving. Turn us from greed and toward generosity in the name of the risen Christ who gave himself for us.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Hearing the Word**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:43-47

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION

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Rev. Hill

REFLECTIONS FROM MONTREAT

**Responding to the Word**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have.**

**It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 300 We Are One in the Spirit They'll Know We Are Christians

THE OFFERING

*You are invited to place prayer requests in the offering plate*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Taking the Word With Us Into the World**

\*HYMN No. 694 Great God of Every Blessing Aurelia

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Children are invited to come forward and take a percussion instrument to play with the Benediction Response.*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No.598 Amen, We Praise Your Name

**Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God! (repeat)**

\*POSTLUDE

*\*All those who are able, please stand*

**We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today** and trust that you will feel the presence of Christ in this place. If you are a visitor, please consider this a warm invitation to join us in the work and worship of this congregation. Worship takes place each Sunday at 10 am. No Sunday School during the summer. A nursery is provided for your convenience.

**Worship Notes**

**Minister:** Rev. Julie Hill, juliehill203@gmail.com; cell 704-904-7261  
**Music Director:** Johnny Almond, johnny@mgcca.com  
**Secretary:** Paula Blake, office@norwoodfpc.org  
**Nursery Attendant:** Gloria Lopez  
**Session:** Clerk of Session, Kaye Coble  
**Elders of the Month:** Kaye Coble & Jana Lowder  
**Ushers:** Mike Carlis, Susie Lisk, Marion Lisk-Deese, Susan Moss  
**Ushers for Next Sunday:** Sonny & Kaye Tyson; Sid & Pat Braswell  
**SCCM Food Challenge:** Paper Goods

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, July 15**  
 10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am VBS Volunteer Meeting  
**Sunday, July 22**  
 10:00 am Worship

*Happy Birthday*

Taylor Edwards July 16  
 Luke Crump July 16  
 Tom Garner July 17  
 Mitchell Edwards July 20

*Happy Anniversary*

Mitchell & Cindy Edwards July 20

**Green Prayer Cards** are available in each pew. Please place your prayer requests in the offering plate.

**Vacation Bible School:  
 July 29-31 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Jesus Calms the Storm  
 Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
 Invite friends and neighbors now.

**VBS Volunteer Meeting Today after Worship**

**Mark Your Calendars:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast, July 29 at 9:00 am.

**Faith on the Fifth: July 29** A special offering that goes directly to paying down the church's debt.

**Let's Read:** Julie will be gathering a group in mid-August to discuss the book *Saint Maybe* by Anne Tyler. If possible, we will meet late morning and enjoy lunch together. The book is both thought provoking and funny. In addition to being available on Amazon, there is a copy in the Stanly County Library system and Julie has a copy you can borrow. In the fall, we will read *Color and Character* by Pamela Grundy. Plan on reading one or both books. Let Julie know if you are interested.

**Don't Forget:** This summer we are memorizing Psalm 100. Bookmarks with the Psalm are on the table. Reward: Sweat Frog's

**Prayer Concerns:** Roy Holt, Brandi Lambert, Sandi Stutler, Montreat Youth Conference participants, Emily, Stella, James, John, and Tiffany

**Members:** Home Jean Barbee, Jeanette Thompson  
**Nursing Home:** Bonnie Blalock  
**Friends and Family:** Renee Brazeale (Kaye Tyson's sister), Angie Barrier Carpenter, Cathy Cooper, Robert Clark (heart attack)

*Please see the newsletter for a complete list*



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