

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Thy Word" Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* OPENING SONG "Awesome God" #616

***Our God is an awesome God  
Who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love;  
Our God is an awesome God!  
(x3)***

\* CALL TO WORSHIP from Romans 8

One: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**All: *For the law of the Spirit has set us free from the law of sin and death.***

One: Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh.

**All: *But those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.***

One: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

**All: *Let us bear witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Let us worship God!***

\* HYMN #394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Unison Prayer of Confession

One: Our hearts are hard, O God:

**All: *Soften them with your love.***

One: Our hands are clenched, O God:

**All: *Open them with your grace.***

One: Our feet are planted too firmly, O God:

**All: *Invite us to dance with you.***

One: Our lives are not our own, we know:

**All: *Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.***

One: And in silence, let us offer you the whole of our hearts.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news: While we were yet sinners, God had mercy on us through Jesus Christ. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we are dead to sin and born anew!

**All: *Thanks be to God for the gift we have received. Amen.***

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES VBS Superheroes

\* HYMN #442 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

FIRST LESSON Genesis 25:19-34

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

SECOND LESSON Obadiah

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM "Grace" Hamlin

SERMON "The Beginning and the End of Edom" Stacey Steck

\* SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #137

***He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore  
...that we may have light  
...that we may have peace  
...that we may have joy***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Choral" Boellmann

\* Doxology:

***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.***

\* Prayer

\* HYMN #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***Breathe on me, Breathe of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

\* POSTLUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" Hopson

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from [holdfasttowhatisgood.com](http://holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

**VISITORS:** We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please call the church office at 704-636-1595.

**LITURGIST:** Today – Flora Calderón-Steck  
Next Week – Doug Patterson

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Abby Covington, Ben Watts

Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards, TBD

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** The first two weeks of July we have reached 65% of our monthly goal. Thanks for your faithful generosity!

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner Rebecca Morrison
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal Bo Deal

- The Overcash family, following the death of Dennis
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Ada Jo Sloop, adjusting to life in Uganda
- Colleagues of Debbie Edwards who were recently laid off
- Father of Michelle Patterson, Pete Adkins is undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Ashley Wilkie, recovering from automobile accident
- Maddie Patrick, 7-year-old from Port Orange, Florida has liver & bone cancer, friend of Sharon Deal
- Bo Deal, with ongoing medical issues
- OC Shoaf
- A friend of Phares, Cindy Pope, being treated for some serious health issues
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Millard Goodnight, undergoing cancer treatment
- Nell Fuller's niece, Mary Jo Wood, is undergoing cancer treatments
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family

## JULY PRAYER FOCUS: Salem Presbytery

Let us pray for the staff of Salem Presbytery who help make our ministry possible:

Sam Marshall, Executive/General Presbyter

Dianna Wright, Associate Presbyter; African-American Advocate

Bryan McFarland, Associate Presbyter; Hunger Action Advocate;  
Communications Coordinator

Alfredo Miranda, Hispanic Mission Evangelist

David Vaughan, Stated Clerk

Laurie Scott, Office Manager

Renee Carter, Financial Secretary

Peggy Trenchard, Administrative Assistant

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

**BIRTHDAYS:** July 16 - Julie Bigsby, Gerald Hargis  
17 - Nell Fuller  
19 - David Beard, Trisha Belk, Nora Patterson,  
Ben Watts  
20 - Ruby Erwin

**ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER:** We are in need of 1 more volunteer to help with the breakfast on Friday, July 28. Anyone that can volunteer please contact Melissa Klutz at 704-202-3634 or melissaklutz@gmail.com.

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the Goodnight family in celebration of their family reunion being held today.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** We will be having an Ice Cream Social today at 4:00 pm. This will give everyone time to go home, eat lunch, then come back to church for a wonderful ice cream sundae, cone, or just a cup. All you can eat! This should be a real good time and hope lots of folks will be able to come.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Classes are available for children nursery to 5th grade (rising 6th graders). A light supper will be served at 5:45 pm then the program begins each Wednesday in July at 6:30 pm. The evening ends at 8:00 pm. Pastor Stacey will also lead a class every week for adults.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are currently seeking volunteers to serve in a nursery rotation. We need a minimum of 2 people per week. We like for our children to experience worship as much as possible, and due to limited space, volunteers should expect to supervise children under 3 years old. Arrive in the nursery at 10:45 am on Sunday to relieve the Sunday School teachers and to allow for drop off before church starts at 11 am. Contact Abby Covington to sign-up or for more information.

**HAPPY PLACE VOLUNTEER:** We have the need for volunteers to host Happy Place. This is a fun time in the morning and a good place to meet the new members and old members. You don't have to do much, just bring something sweet (store bought is fine), some kind of fruit, juice, and make coffee. Please help us out. Contact Juanita Turner for more details.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	8:30am	Worship on the Patio
	9:30am	The Happy Place Children's Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Adult Choir
	4:00pm	Ice Cream Social
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