

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "You Are My All In All" 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

One: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

***All: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.***

One: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

***All: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.***

One: Let us worship God today –

***All: Because we are God's people. Let us worship God.***

\* HYMN #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Unison Prayer of Confession

One: For not loving You with all our heart, O God;

***All: For not loving our neighbor in the same way;***

One: For not loving You with our whole soul, O God;

***All: For not loving our ourselves in the same way;***

One: For not loving You with the entirety of our minds, O God;

***All: For not loving our world in the same way;***

One: For not loving You with the fullness of our strength, O God;

***All: For not loving one another in the same way;***

***Forgive us, and show us Your kindness,  
that we learn to love the way Christ showed us.***

One: And for those sins which belong to each of us alone, we offer them up to you in silence.

\* 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 #693 "Though I May Speak"

FIRST LESSON Genesis 28:10-19a

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord" Ramsey

SERMON "Between a Rock and a Holy Place" 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: "The Lord Bless You And Keep You" Lutkin-Hopson

\* 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 #372

"O For a World"

\* 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 "Let All Things Now Living"

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 – Doug Patterson  
Next Week – Melissa Klutz

**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 – Debbie Edwards, Linda Rogers

Next Sunday – Nora Dillinger, Ben Watts

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** The first three weeks of July we have reached 78.8% 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

- Norma Lauder's mother, Pansy, recovering from pneumonia
- 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
- 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 23 – Cam Hall  
24 – Joyce Caldwell  
27 – Koen Franz, John Parish  
28 – Adam Hall  
29 – Jay Bates, Jill Townsend

**BLOOD DRIVE AT MILLBRIDGE RURUTAN:** Come share the gift of blood at the Millbridge Ruritan on Sunday, July 23 from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Walk-ins welcome but it is better to schedule an appointment. For appointments, contact Paul Rogers at 704-633-3454.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We have one week left of VBS and we would love all kids to be there. We're learning about THE ULTIMATE superhero of the Bible: Jesus. 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. The adult program begins at 6:15 this week, so please arrive in time to eat and be ready to move to the Parlor to begin on time.

**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
Wednesday	5:45pm	Vacation Bible School
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