

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Allen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* OPENING SONG "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

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My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You!

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hand.

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

All: *The life we have been given by God,*

One: The life we share with one another in community,

All: *The life that Jesus gives in abundance.*

One: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

All: *And let us worship God.*

* HYMN #667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Personal Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be to grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout our journey with Jesus. Amen.

* 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

* HYMN #443

"There Is a Redeemer"

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 133

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:10-28

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Over My Head” African American Spiritual, arr. Bell

SERMON “Shout It Out!” Stacey Steck

* SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #750

Goodness is stronger than evil

Love is stronger than hate

Light is stronger than darkness

Life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours

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Through God who loves us.

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Here I Am to Worship” Page

* 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 #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response “Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

Lord, I Want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I Want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I Want to be a Christian in my heart.

* POSTLUDE “Praise the Lord On High” Sawyer

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and 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 – Melissa Kluttz
Next Week – Flora Calderón-Steck

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 – Melissa Waller, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards, Janet Lambert

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first two weeks in August we have reached 46% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<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 family of Maddie Patrick, 7-year-old from Port Orange, Florida who passed away after her fight with liver & bone cancer, friend of Sharon Deal
- Norma Lauder's family following the passing of her mother, Pansy
- The family of Georgia McCorkle's nephew, Mark Peele, following his death
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, in rehab at Forsyth Hospital following a stroke
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara, recovering at home following a hospital stay
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- Father of Michelle Patterson, Pete Adkins is undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- 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 in Pakistan

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: August 20 – Christina Rowland
21 – Bob Weast
22 – Michael Swanson
26 – Leona Guy, Keith Vaughan

D-DAY IS SEPTEMBER 9!: Please make every effort to attend D-Day (Discernment Day) on Saturday, September 9, from 10:00-2:00 in Fellowship Hall. Luanne Hall Welch will facilitate this pivotal moment in Thyatira's future as we join together to discern God's dream for our church. Lunch will be served and childcare will be available.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES WEST FUNDRAISER: Saturday, September 9, 10:00-2:30 at McLaughlin's Farmhouse, 15725 Mooresville Rd, Mooresville, NC 28115. Serving fresh grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Entertainment by Matthew Weaver 11:30-1:00. We also receive 10% of all sales in the store on that day. Please come out and support the outreach efforts of RHM-West. You will also enjoy hearing Matthew.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: There will be no practice on September 3.

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	9:00am	Christian Education Meeting
	9:30am	The Happy Place Children's Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	6:30pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	7:00pm	Health Cabinet Meeting
Friday	7:15pm	Book Club
Next Sunday		RALLY DAY
	9:00am	Breakfast
	9:30am	Children's Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir