

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME CONSECRATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress" Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* OPENING SONG "Change My Heart, O God" #695
*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.*

*You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to love God with our hearts.

All: *We will do so, when we welcome those tossed aside by the world.*

One: We are called to love God with our souls.

All: *We will do so, when the brokenness around us transforms us into more compassionate people.*

One: We are called to love God with our minds.

All: *We will do so, when we think less of our needs, and see each person as our neighbor, our sister, our brother.*

One: Let us worship the God we are learning to love.

All: *Let us worship God indeed!*

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

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we watch others so carefully to see if they are following the rules that we forget to follow them ourselves. We are so convinced that those around us have sold their souls out of greed, that we do not notice the emptiness of our own. We use words and actions which shatter the hearts of others, as ours slowly wither from lack of the breath of your Spirit. Forgive us for our choosing to live the way we want, merciful God, rather than being the holy people of your hopes. May we have nothing up our sleeves, but offer all we have to others. May we speak the words you give us, as we share the good news of grace. May we seek to love you as completely and trustingly as did Jesus the Christ, who loved us as sisters and brothers of your heart. In his name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news! We are heard, we are forgiven, we are offered new lives of service and faith.

All: *Thanks be to God, who offers justice not judgment; who shares grace with us, not holds grudges against us. We are forgiven. Amen.*

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “More Precious Than Silver”

Bettcher

* 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

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 110

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

Hopson

Alex Bouk, clarinet and Angela Moore, flute

SERMON

“TBA”

George Jones

* HYMN #716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

THE CONSECRATION OF OUR GIFTS

Once you have placed your Estimate of Giving Card in the basket on the Communion Table, please depart in silence and join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Celebration Luncheon.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service from childrensdefense.org

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 contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

CELEBRATE WITH US: Please join us for a catered Fellowship Meal following the service. In our corner of the Kingdom, there’s plenty for everyone (even if you weren’t able to RSVP)!

WE WELCOME to Thyatira’s pulpit the Rev. George Jones, an Ordained Minister of the United Evangelical Churches, a cooperative fellowship of independent, evangelical churches headquartered in San Juan Bautista, California. He is married to the former Ms. Mary [Douglas] Burton of Granite Quarry and they reside in the City of Salisbury. George served most recently as assistant to the Vicar at Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

LITURGIST: Today – Millicent Hoffner

Next Week – Bill Hall

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, Dana Milam

Next Sunday – Nora Dellinger, Klancy Deal

GENEROSITY UPDATE: We have reached 93% of the monthly goal through the first four weeks in October. Let’s blow it wide open this Sunday!

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

- The Fuller family, following the death of Nell's niece, Mary Jo Wood
- Joe, a friend of Flora's, whose son died of a drug overdose
- Monique's family, following the death of her mother
- Carol King
- Alex Osborne, recovering from a vehicle accident
- Paul Roger's grandson in Pakistan, being treated for malaria
- Ronney Steele in rehab recovering from bronchitis
- Bob Freeman's cousin Frank, recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Tom Long, friend of Charles Newsome, receiving treatment for cancer
- Evaun Bulman, friend of Sharry Davis, undergoing cancer treatment
- Bill Hall, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- A friend of Keith Townsend, being treated for cancer
- Families facing challenges
- Tom Turner, recovering from back surgery
- Joyce Caldwell is recovering from a fall
- Kathy Allen, recovering from bone marrow transplant
- Stacey's friend, Joe Hunter, recovering from by-pass surgery
- Mary Deal's sister, Margaret, being treated for an infection
- Betty Morgan, sister of Ruth Albright, recovering after serious car accident
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- 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
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Africa

