



Welcome, friends, from far and near.
Let us worship God who is surely here.
Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give;
then let us joyfully go into God's world to
live. *Please indicate your desires for
visitation, or information about joining
Celebration Church on the Ritual of

Friendship Pad. *Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer request on the back of a prayer card and write your name on the front and the ushers will collect the cards.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Clear our heart, O God, that we may see you. Clear our Heart, O God, that we may truly see ourselves. Clear our heart, O God, that we may know the sacredness of this moment; and in every moment, seek you, serve you, strengthen you as the Living Presence in every presence. Clear our heart, O God, that we may see.
Praying With the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace, by John Philip Newell.

Sunday, August 6, 2017 9th Sunday after Pentecost / 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra
Chiming the Hour
***Hymn No. 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Greeting The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer
*Sharing the Peace of ChristThe Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange signs of Christ's peace with those near you.)

TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD

*Responsive Call to Worship Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
We gather today, from the busy days of our lives, to recognize you, O God;
To reorder our vision and recollect your deep purposes for us;
To once again renew our hearts and our commitment to you;
To bring to you where we've fallen short, and find strength for the coming days;
To be comforted in our hurts, and to be encouraged on our paths;
To seek discernment in this time of conflicting values.
All: May your blessed Spirit fill us feed us, direct us, and send us, Gracious God.

***Hymn No. 312 Take Us As We Are, O God** ENDLESS FEAST

Call to Confession Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
Friends, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The good news is that with God, grace abounds and forgiveness is real to all who confess. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
Holy One, there is something I wanted to tell you, but there have been errands to run, bills to pay, arrangements to make, meetings to attend, friends to entertain, washing to do...and I forgot what it is that I wanted to say to you and mostly I forget what I am about or why. O God, don't forget me, please, and forgive me when I forget and ignore you. For the sake of Christ. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession
Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. **Thanks be to God.** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, **let us forgive one another.**

***Glory to God Hymn No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me** GLORY TO GOD
** The children are invited to join the Pastor on the steps **

Time With Young Disciples *Children's Church follows in Room 5*

TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory *What Is The World Like*
Sarah Abushakra, Solo
***Doxology Hymn No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** OLD HUNDREDTH

*Unison Prayer of Dedication
You but open your hand, O Lord, and all our needs are met. This beautiful and bountiful earth provides for our physical and esthetic necessities. Your church helps meet our spiritual needs and offers us the opportunities for learning your Word, experiencing meaningful fellowship and serving in Christ's name. We praise you for the privilege of giving because it is in sharing in Christ's name. We praise you for the privilege of giving because it is in sharing our gifts that we find worth and joy, Accept, therefore, our offerings as we express our gratitude for all that we are and all that we have. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD, SHARED WITNESS AND SACRAMENT

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**
Sermon *Discernment in a Confusing World* Becky Kiser

*Unison Affirmation of Faith (from a Declaration of Faith, chapter 5)
The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life. The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people. The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe. Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil.

We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us God will complete what has begun in us. AMEN.

*Hymn before Communion No. 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table / Words of Institution / Prayer of Consecration and Preparation
Sharing the Bread and Cup (Distribution by Elders, please hold until all have been served)

Unison Prayer after Communion
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us, and joined us with each other and with you. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may continue the work you began and be your body indeed. AMEN.

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction Becky Kiser
*Closing Hymn No. 714 *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN
*Postlude Sarah Abushakra

(*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

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OUR MISSION *is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, Praise and Worship God, Prepare our hearts to share God's Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!*

OUR PURPOSE *is to Celebrate God's Glory by Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.*

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Celebrating 15 Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!



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We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!