



**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*

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. We gather with eager longing to know you, ever-present God, and to be known by you. We want to live as your beloved children. Assure us in these moments that you hear our prayers, even as your will is revealed to us. Fill our dreams and our waking hours with radiant hope. May every time of encounter move us to awe and fervent worship. Lead us in your way everlasting. Amen.

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Sunday, July 16, 2017      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **THE CHURCH GATHERS**

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Prelude Sarah Abushakra

## Lighting the Christ Candle and Chiming the Hour

**\*Hymn No. 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

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 Christ The 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: Daniel Watson

God has searched us and knows us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**God searches out our path and our lying down. God is acquainted with all our ways.**

Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it. God's hand is ever available to guide us.

**Such knowledge is a wonder to us. It is beyond anything that we can attain.**

We cannot escape from God's spirit. There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

**Darkness is as a light to our God. God illuminates the way before us.**

**\*Hymn No. 684** *Faith Begins By Letting Go* LUX PRIMA

Call to Confession Liturgist: Daniel Watson

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: Daniel Watson

**Search us and test us, that all our wickedness may be purged from us, O Creator. Save us from our futile striving after our own advantage. Reshape our will to conform with your intentions for us. We confess that we have allowed weeds to grow in our lives. Our focus has drifted from the harvest you intended to the fears and greed that hold us hostage. Release us from bondage to decay that we may grow in likeness to Jesus. We want to bear fruit for you. Turn us to the brightness of a new day. Amen.**

### *Silence for Personal Confession*

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Daniel Watson

Friends, hear the good news and believe it: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God**

**\*Hymn of Assurance No. 435**      *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*      IN BABILONE

**\*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

*Consider*  
Celebration Choir

**\*Doxology Hymn No. 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication Thank you, God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received from our ancestors. We are grateful that your Spirit is ever with us, assuring us of your acceptance and love. May our offerings share this good news with other children of God who have not yet discovered their identity. May all of us grow in righteousness that we might together experience the reality of your realm in our daily lives.**

**TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND SHARED WITNESS**

Scripture	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	NRSV
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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon *God's Good Seed Scattered Widely* Tom Dendy

**AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD**

\*Charge and Benediction

**\*Closing Hymn No. 531**                      *Seed, Scattered and Sown*                      SEED SCATTERED

\*Postlude Sarah Abushakra

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

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Jul 16	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church	11:00 am
	Stated Session Meting	12:30 pm
Mon-Fri	Summer Camp	8:00 am-1:00 pm
Tue Jul 18	Quilters	10:00 am
Fri Jul 21	Breakfast Buddies at Early Riser Diner	9:00 am
Sun Jul 23	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church	11:00 am
	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Hosting Presbytery Task Force Meeting	12:15 pm
Sun Jul 30	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the close of worship	
The purpose is to elect three members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Any member not serving on the session is eligible for nomination. Please seek the approval of any nominee.		
*** Many upcoming activities have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, please take a moment to sign up for the activities you would like to attend. ***		

Serving July 16

**Visitor Table:** Carol Lagassee      **Nursery:** Leslie Eckert  
**Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini  
**Grades 1-5:** Trudy Miller      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar      **Sound Board:** Nicklaus McIlrath  
**Liturgist:** Daniel Watson      **Elder of the Week:** Bernadine Lamar – 843-234-1935  
**Ushers:** Terry Baker, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton, Barb Johnson

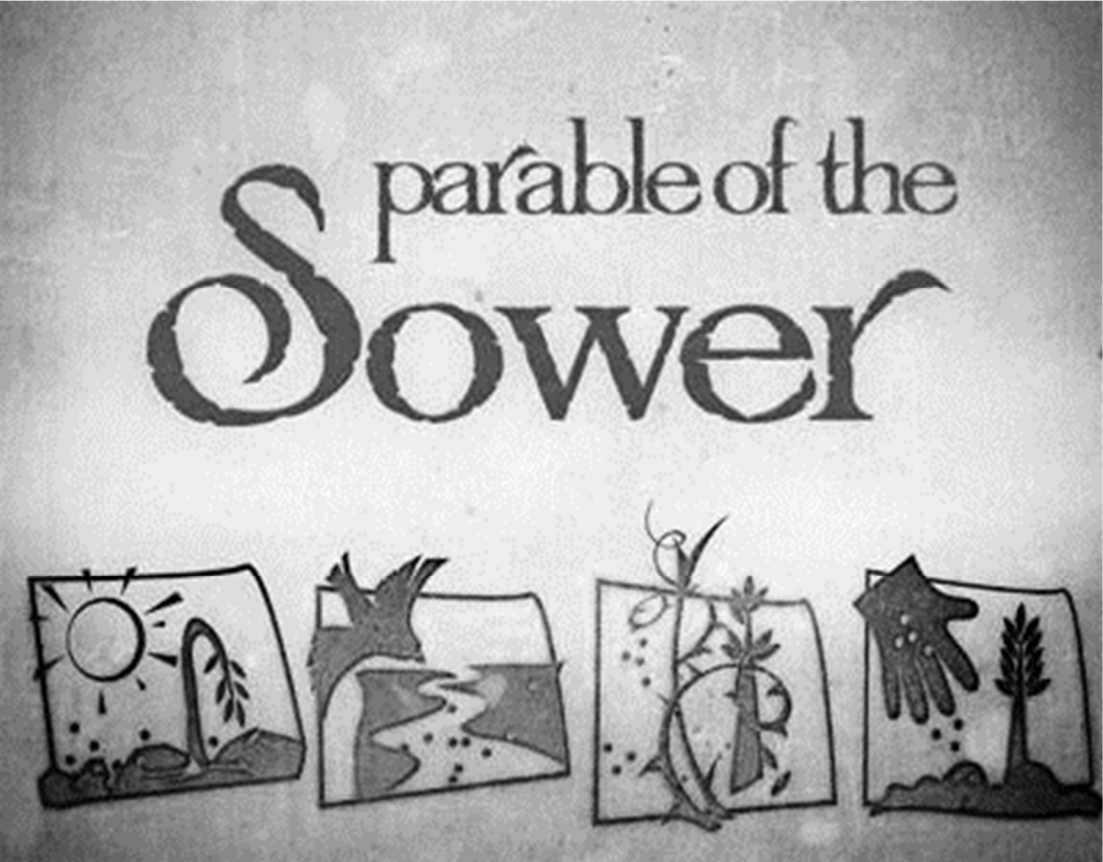
Serving July 23

**Visitor Table:** Linda Miller      **Nursery:** Betsy Hughes  
**Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini  
**Grades 1-5:** Trudy Miller      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Media Shout:** Katrena White      **Sound Board:** Carol Butler  
**Liturgist:** Kathy Wechter      **Elder of the Week:** Priscilla Mulligan – 843-421-2137  
**Ushers:** Terry Baker, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton, Barb Johnson

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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!*

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**July 16, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. Worship**  
*Celebrating 15 Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!*



**JOIN US AT CELEBRATION**  
We are Christ followers who are open, accepting,  
loving and welcoming to all!