



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

Lord God, the sign outside says, “Welcome, come as you are.” We have responded. We have come. We are here just as we are — with visions for the future and shattered dreams from the past, with bodies that are fully functioning and physical ailments that are weighing us down, with minds that are confused and hearts that are broken, with an abundance of joy and a great need for laughter. We are here, Lord. Meet us where we are as we come to worship you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sunday, July 23, 2017 7th Sunday after Pentecost / 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

*Hymn No. 28 You Are Before Me, Lord SURSUM CORDA
Stanza 1: All, Stanza 2: Women, Stanza 3: All, Stanza 4: Men, Stanza 5: All

Greeting The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements
Minute for Mission (5th Sunday Video Reminder) 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: Kathy Wechter
Today is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad.
The God who raised Jesus the Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily; Thanks be to God.
The God whose Spirit lives in us nurtures us and guides our way; All glory and honor to God!
Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving as we raise our voices in song.

*Hymn No. 434 Restore in Us, O God BAYLOR

Call to Confession Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
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: Kathy Wechter
God of light, in your brightness, we see our failings. We have not followed in the ways of Jesus. We have too often followed our own desires rather than your will. We have not put you first in all things. We have ignored the nudgings of your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Pour your healing mercy over us that we might live life afresh, focused on you. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
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 There Is A Longing In Our Hearts by Anne Quigley
Celebration Choir

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

*Unison Prayer of Dedication As the offering comes forward to rest in this holy space, may it be sanctified for use in your service, Creator God. Bless our efforts to offer ourselves fully in the name of the one who gave his own life as an offering, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND SHARED WITNESS

Scripture Romans 8:12-25 NRSV
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Sermon From Groaning to Glory Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Hymn No. 353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK

*Postlude Sarah Abushakra

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

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Jul 23	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	15th Anniversary and Hosting Presbytery Task Force Meeting	12:15 pm
Tue Jul 25	Quilters	10:00 am
	Team D cooks at The Shepherd's Table	2:00 pm
Sun Jul 30	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	5 th Sunday Offering received	
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.		
Wed Aug 2	Movie Night "The Shack"	6:00 pm
*** 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 30

Visitor Table: Sharon Hills	Nursery: Nanette Kelly
Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini	
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller	Preacher: Tom Dendy
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar	Sound Board: Nicklaus McIlrath
Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia	Elder of the Week: Terry Pettijohn – 843-796-3212
Ushers: Terry Baker, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton, Barb Johnson	

**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 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. Worship
*Celebrating 15 Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!***

The pain
you've been
feeling can't
compare to
the joy that's
coming
Romans
8:18

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