

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

New Ways – God of our lives, you are always calling us to follow you into the future, inviting us to new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all. When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage. When we worry that we are not up to the task, remind us that you would not call us if you did not believe in us. When we get tired, or feel disappointed with the way things are going, remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations. (Kathy Galloway, a member of the Iona Community in Scotland)

Sunday, July 30, 2017

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

\*Hymn No. 59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia

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

Let us gather together and grow in faith.

Faith is the assurance of things not seen.

Let us stay alert and prepare for the coming of God.

All who wait upon God shall renew their faith.

Let us reaffirm our status as God's children.

We come ready to worship, we leave committed to serve.

Let us worship God as we lift our voices in praise!

\*Hymn No. 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

Call to Confession Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia

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

Faithful God, we confess that we do not always trust in your love. We often desire control so much that we do not follow your way or seek your guidance in our lives. We let other people or our status, emotions, possessions or even our causes to get bigger than you and become our source of meaning. Forgive us, and stir in us your amazing love that reminds us that we find meaning in You. We are lovable because we are created; we have hope because in you there is always a better way, another option, a way of love and peace. Help us to experience your peace that comes from letting you love us as your children.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia

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

\*Glory to God Hymn No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

\* The children are invited to join the Pastor on the steps \*

Time With Young Disciples

Children's Church follows in Room 5

Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia

### 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

Shall Tribulation or Distress

Celebration Choir

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication The gift of your realm is precious to us, O God. It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice. As we search for the best in life, we also want to share our faith discoveries with friends and neighbors. We do that personally and with our giving. May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from your love. We give thanks that you have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share. Thanks for loving us. Amen.

## TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND SHARED WITNESS

Scripture Romans 8:26-39

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Sermon ALL and NOTHING - This Our Story...

Tom Dendy

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## AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Hymn No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

ASSURANCE

Congregational Meeting to elect three members to serve on the Nominating Committee

\*Postlude Sarah Abushakra

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

#### CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS

Sun Jul 30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am
Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 am
Worship, Nursery, Children's Church 11:00 am

#### **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.

Tue Aug 1	Quilters	10:00 am
Wed Aug 2	Movie Night "The Shack"	6:00 pm
Thu Aug 3	LadyBug Luncheon at Capriccio	12:00 pm
Sun Aug 6	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Communion, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am

#### 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

#### **Serving August 6**

Visitor Table: Betsy Hughes
Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller
Media Shout: Katrena White
Nursery: Vicki Simon
Preacher: Tonja Paolini
Preacher: Tom Dendy
Sound Board: Carol Butler

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Wills **Elder of the Week:** Nancy Resnick – 203-376-3795

Ushers: Bob and Linda Miller, Leslie Eckert, Larry Dowd

Communion: Priscilla Mulligan, Nancy Resnick Nancy Torcivia, Terry Baker, Rick Thornburgh

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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!

# Celebration Presbyterian Church

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**July 30, 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!