

THE 21st SUNDAY after PENTECOST

October 9, 2016

10:00 am

Good morning and welcome to all, with a special word of welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time today. We are happy you joined us in worship. If you are a first time worshipper with us, please note your presence on the Yellow Forms found in the bulletin. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in other activities and services here.

Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

As a courtesy to other worshippers, kindly refrain from visiting once the prelude has begun.

GATHERING

CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” Nancy Cook, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor and Congregation

(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Joy in the Lord - Leader and People

L: I delight greatly in the Lord;

P: My soul rejoices in my God.

L: Though the fig tree does not bud,

P: and there are no grapes on the vines,

L: though olive crop fails,

P: and the fields produce no food;

L: though there are no sheep in the pen;

P: and no cattle in the stalls;

UNISON: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will be ever joyful in God my Savior.

Amen! *(Habakkuk 3:17-18 -NIV)*

***HYMN #89**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

A Litany of joy and contentment: (Psalm 16:1ff.) - Leader and People

L: Keep me safe, O God, for I come to you for refuge.

P: In your presence, O God is joy and contentment. Show me the path that leads to life.

L: You are my Lord. Every good thing I have comes from you.

P: In your presence, O God, I find joy and contentment. Show me the path that leads to life.

L: I bless the Lord, whose wise teaching guides my days and centers my mind at night.

P: In your presence, O God, I live with joy and contentment. Show me the path that leads to life.

L: God is always present with me. I will not live in fear, or abandon my calling, for his presence surrounds me wherever I go;

P: In your presence, O God, I’m deeply overwhelmed by joy and contentment. Show me the path that leads to life.

L: So my heart is glad, my soul is full of joy and contentment, and my body is at rest. Who could ask for anything more?

Unison: Surely, in your presence, O LORD God, we find joy and contentment. Guide us in the path that leads to a life of endless JOY. Amen!

Children’s Time

***PRAISE SONG**

Led by Praise Team

God’s Word in Scripture:

New Testament

Galatians 5:22-26

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,

Cong: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Praise the Lord with Joyful Song”

Nancy Cook, Director

Gospel:

John 15:9-11

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,

Cong: Thanks be to God

WITNESSING TO THE WORD

Theme: **JOY: The Second Fruit of the Spirit**

Rev. Jakes Voker, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Words of Invitation

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “A Joyous Heart” Nancy Cook, Organist

***The Doxology #95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedicatory Prayer: Unison

God, you have freely given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ.
Here we bring a portion of our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives.
We pray that they may help spread the Joy of Jesus Christ to the world, today and
always, here and everywhere. Amen.

***HYMN # 2151 (The Faith We Sing)** *I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S LOVE AND CARE/ BENEDICTION**

***SHALOM - PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST ONE TO ANOTHER**

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you for being a part of today’s worship experience.
Rest assured God loves you, and so do we all!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Nancy Cook: Organist/Choir Director **Jeff Fernholz: Treasurer**

Sue Mills: Parish Visitor **Connie Boehm: Liturgist**

Jeanne Whiteside: Media Coordinator **Dennis Clay: Pianist**

Rick Reinhard: Custodian **Amanda Schnaare: Family Ed. & Nurture Ministries Chair**

NURSERY and CHILD CARE

Children are welcome in worship and parents have choices: (1) Children can remain in worship with their parents, (2) a “cry room” is available in the rear of the sanctuary, or (3) a Nursery is provided downstairs for children age 4 and under. Please make the choice that is most comfortable for you.

OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance	10:00 am – 67
Plate/Pledges	\$1908.00
Mission Projects/UNICEF	\$10.10
Roof Replacement Campaign	\$200.00
World Communion Sunday Offering	\$75.00

COMING THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, October 9 (11:15 am) – Fellowship Time, Rear Sanctuary
 (1:00 pm) – Keith Griffin Pokemon League
 (5:00 pm) – Casa de Dios Worship Service
Monday, October 10 (6:30 pm) – Casa de Dios Bible Study
Wednesday, October 12 (noon) – Kiwanis Club Luncheon, Social Room
 (5:00 pm) – First Alive Wednesday Pot Luck & Program
 (5:30 pm) – Praise Team Rehearsal
 (6:00 pm) – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 (6:30 pm) – Young Adult Discussion
Thursday, October 13 (3:00 pm) – Faith to Life Bible Study, Reep Room
Friday, October 14 (6:00 pm) – Movie Trivia Night – all are invited
Saturday, October 15 (10:00 am – 4:30 pm) – Keith Griffin Choir Retreat
 (noon) – Sack Lunch Program, Lutheran Chapel of the Cross, hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!! Following the Administrative Council meeting on Tuesday, October 18th, you are invited to attend an All Church Gathering after the worship service on October 30th. This gathering is intended to help us all reflect on, discuss and determine the ministry and mission paths of our congregation. The following are “heads up” to help you prepare for the All Church Gathering :

1. Consider recommendation for Two worship Services- The Team on Worship has recommended that we revisit the decision that merged the past two services or consider a new one either on a week day or Saturday.
2. Electronic Financial Transaction- the Team on Finance has been brainstorming the possibility for using the “Vanco Payment Solution” as an additional medium

that would help people give their offerings, tithes and other donations to the ministry and mission of our congregation. Further details later...

3. Explore the possibility for joint “Special Worship Services”; shared ministry and mission with Christ Church. The two pastors have been talking about these and would appreciate your in-put.

This is a very important opportunity to meet and discuss the future of our congregation and your participation is very much appreciated. Bring a dish to pass! ! (Note: The Young Adult group will appreciate monetary donations at their “Dessert Bar”.) We’ll try to keep the meeting short!!

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

October’s offering will benefit UNICEF. Simply place your change in the small brown envelope found in the pew racks or on the sanctuary tables and place it in the offering plate. Your continued support of our various mission projects is greatly appreciated.

FOOD BANK ITEM FOR OCTOBER will be tooth paste. Bring your donation to church on any Sunday of the month and place it in the crates located near the church entrances. All items will be taken to the North Side Food Bank at Trinity UMC for distribution. Thanks.



COSTUME PARTY

Please join us on Wednesday evening, October 19th for our annual Halloween Party. We will begin at 5:30 and end by 7:00 pm. Adult helpers and youth are asked to help with the games for the younger children. Please contact Amanda Schnaare (995-4316) with your offer to help.

LINDA TREMELLING IS OUR CROP WALK COORDINATOR – Thanks to Linda for taking on this project. Be sure to offer to be one of our “walkers” or “donors” to this worthy cause. A portion of the funds raised will remain in the area to assist in feeding the hungry of our city. The actual CROP Walk takes place on Sunday, October 23 beginning at noon at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Let Linda know where you can be of assistance or to receive your pledge envelope.

MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT - To continue our mission to have activities for all ages our Monthly Family Movie Night will be held on Friday October 14th at 6pm. We will be showing “Hotel Transylvania” in the Social Room. Popcorn is provided. Try our movie trivia quiz to win a ten-dollar movie gift card! Coloring sheets are available to keep the little hands busy as well.

HOT MEAL PROGRAM - First Church is responsible for the Hot Meal at St. Luke’s Hospitality Center on Monday, October 31th. We will be needing extra volunteers since several of our “regulars” are unable to be here this night. If you can help by providing a casserole or with serving & clean up, please sign on the sheets located on the tables in the sanctuaries. Thank you for your continued support of this Outreach ministry.

KEITH GRIFFIN CHOIR RETREAT – Keith has invited all members to a concert at 4:00 pm on Saturday following a day-long choir retreat. Keith is very grateful for the use of our building for these learning experiences with his choirs.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD

Sue Spicer’s sister is now in hospice – prayers for the family appreciated.

Gordy Peterson, friend of Rick & Beth Michael, has a brain tumor – prayers needed.

Linda Tremelling’s grandson, James, needs our prayers .

Karen, a friend of Dee Feest has been diagnosed with cancer.

Cassandra Gonzales, niece of Dee Feest is having complications from diabetes.

Prayers are requested for John & Amber, Amy Pettus, and Bill Pettus, health issues.

Karen Burlingame is dealing with health issues – prayers appreciated.

Jan Snopko, friend of Chuck & Jane Bragg is having health problems.

Charlene Goar, aunt of Dee Feest is having health issues.

Peggy Nejedly is still having problems with her arm & hand following shoulder surgery.

Laurie Lewis is having trouble controlling her diabetes – prayers appreciated.

Dan Brown, friend of Rick & Beth Michael, is recovering from back surgery.

Rose Pettus would like prayers for Mary.

Dee Feest’s cousin Brian suffered a massive heart attack.

Judy Madsen is dealing with several health issues – prayers appreciated.

Rick Reinhard’s mother, Judy, is dealing with several serious health issues, prayers needed and appreciated.

Jim Mertins dealing with several health issues.

Stana Roqutich, mother-in-law of Joe Sens needs prayers.

Noel Bragg, brother of Chuck Bragg needs our prayers.

Mike Matulle – father-in-law of Nathan Michael, dealing with Parkinson’s disease.

Paul Burlingame has been diagnosed with re-occurring cancer, prayers appreciated.

Pat Held’s daughter

Michael, son of the Fawcetts, who is battling cancer.

Those serving our country in the Military around the world with special prayers for those serving in the Middle East.

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- What can I use to show I made a donation?

The itemized list of electronic transactions that appears on your bank or credit card statement can be used as proof of your donations. You will still receive a quarterly statement directly from the church as well.

- How safe is electronic giving?

It is safer than writing checks or carrying cash. Secure donations services are provided by Vanco Payment Solutions. Vanco processes electronic donations for more than 15,000 churches and nonprofit organizations.

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