

Sunday, May 13, 2018

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Our acts of worship begin with the sharing of hellos, stories and laughter. We are glad you are here! After the welcome and announcements, please begin to make the transition from sharing in the company of others to being more aware of being in the presence of God. Take time to center yourself. Pray to hear God's word for you. Take time to pray for someone sitting near you.

Gathering Music *Make Music for the Lord*..... Natalie Sleeth

Call to Worship (*responsive; based on Psalm 145:1-8*)

Come, let us praise God together!

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let us tell stories of God's power and majesty,

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let us remember the compassion that God shows toward us;

One generation shall praise God's works to another!

Let us pass these stories along to children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

*Hymn 115..... *Fairest Lord Jesus*.....Crusader's Hymn

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all – Forgive us when we are more ready to complain than to thank, or more eager to assign blame than accept responsibility. Help us to be more ready to compliment than criticize and then, by your example and encompassing love, help us to reflect the goodness and grace of Jesus... (*personal prayers of confession continue in silence*)

Assurance of Forgiveness and How We Are Called to Live

Anthem..... *This Little Light of Mine*..... arr. Joel Raney

Litany for Mother's Day (*responsive*)

For those of us who have been blessed with mothers who helped our little lights to shine and filled our lives with love, we say:

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter;

Thank God for my mother!

There are many who act in mothering ways to us and for us;

Thank God for these care-providers and examples of love.

For those women who have joined God in heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth;

Thank God for mothers now in heaven.

For every woman who is working for and loving her children day-by-day;

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care;

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on;

Bless the mothers who grieve.

For women who have wanted to have children, but for one reason or another are not able;

Sustain them, help them and encourage them, O God.

We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways;

We pray that we will honor them in everything we do and say.

Amen.

Gospel for Children (*9:15 a.m.*)

(The children are dismissed for church school – all parents are certainly permitted to escort their children to class, but those children 5 and younger must be escorted by a parent.)

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory..... *Sinfonia*.....Henry Purcell

*Presentation of the Offering – *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading..... Ephesians 4:25-32 (p. 951)

Sermon..... Practice Kindness!..... Scott D. Brown

Hymn 10..... *Glorify Your Name*..... Glorify Your Name

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

*Hymn 498..... *I Love to Tell the Story*..... Hankey

*Please stand if you are able

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*Commissioning and Blessing

*Sending Music..... *Trumpet Finale* Francesco Manfredini

Time of Greeting and Fellowship

Go Forth to Serve in the Name of Christ!

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Service 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Church School 9:35 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsals 11:00 a.m.

Childcare (for infants through age 3) is provided during the worship service.

A family room is available for parents of infants—the service is video-streamed live to this room.

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