

SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY

Preacher The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Organist Charles de Mets
Lectors Beverly Lawless, 8:15; Chuck McClain, 11:00
Greeters Ed & Sally McCarthy; 8:15; Chris Johnson, 9:30; Emma Lou Kuhn, 11:00
Head Usher Jack Tarman
Ushers Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15
Gerry Russell, Jim Russell, The Banks Family, 11:00
Sound Operators Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck and Kris Borcheck, 9:30; Rudy Cieri, 11:00

PASTORS AND STAFF

J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor
Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor
Lilian L. Cotto, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith – Director of Vocal Music Karen Douglass – Parish Nurse
Susan Tinney – Director of Instrumental Music Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager
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Brad Beck – Sexton Brad Beck – Audio Engineer

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Joanne Tompkins – Teacher Julie Brown - Teacher

Teacher Assistants –
Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,
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8:15

August 20, 2017 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer

Jongen

Charles de Mets, Organist

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME

Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the Covenant of Fellowship, sharing as much information as you'd like, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ Please stand if comfortable

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: Love is patient—

People: Love is kind—

Pastor: Love is generous—

People: Love is respectful—

Pastor: Love is humble—

People: Love is thoughtful—

Pastor: Love is merciful!

People: Here we are to worship—Love!

HYMN SING (seated)
(seated)
(stand)

Let There Be Peace on Earth
There Is a Balm in Gilead (1,2)
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (1,3)

No. 431
No. 375
No. 712

OPENING PRAYER *For Our Country* No. 429

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Beverly Lawless, 8:15; Chuck McClain, 11:00

EPISTLE READING Titus 3:4-7 Pew Bible (NT), p. 215

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO (11:00) Mary Kate Durnam, Violinist

▲ GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:23-35 Pew Bible (NT), p. 20

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

▲ GLORIA *Glory Be to the Father* No. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SERMON SERIES *What Is...Mercy?* Pastor Bill Lentz

The word *mercy* is often wrapped in the language of justice and sentences for crimes. A person might plead for *mercy of the court* to persuade a judge to go easy. Jesus' understanding of *mercy* is quite different altogether.

▲ HYMN *Depth of Mercy* No. 355

▲ AFFIRMATION *Modern* No. 885

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and on the occasion of our 55th wedding anniversary, by Barbara & Dick Rapson.

OFFERTORY *It is Well* Farber
Clara Walker, Pianist

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell No. 75

▲ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Holy God, you freely give yourself, as Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Receive our offerings—this money that is so little, this worship which seems so small, these words that are not adequate—and transform them, by your mercy, into more than we can imagine. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

▲ HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 121

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

POSTLUDE *Goccaga* Peeters