

SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY

Preacher	The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist	The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Organist	Charlie de Mets
Acolytes	Laura Kirsch, 8:15; Allison LaRocco, 11:00
Lectors	Gee Gee Plyler, 8:15; Chuck McClain, 11:00
Greeters	Isabelle Martinez; 8:15; Chris Johnson, 9:30; Judy Magee, 11:00
Head Usher	Jack Tarman
Ushers	Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15 Gloria Inlander, Erika Gratzinger, The Iaia 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 Music	Karen Douglass – Parish Nurse
Charlie de Mets - Organist	Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager
Susan Tinney – Handbells and Childrens’ Choir Conductor	Diane Lendzinski – Church Secretary
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Brad Beck – Interim Youth Coordinator	Nancy Collier – Media Consultant

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Danielle Cole - Nursery Coordinator Samantha Ford - Nursery Asst.

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Phyllis Morocco – Director and Teacher	Kathie Beck – Assistant Director and Teacher
Joanne Tompkins – Teacher	Julie Brown - Teacher

Teacher Assistants –
Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,
Kate Kirsch, Heather Zadroga



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8:15 a.m. October 22, 2017 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

What e'er my God ordains is right
Charlie de Mets, Organist

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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: What joy we have in Jesus our Lord.

People: What peace fills our hearts and comforts our souls.

Pastor: We are the people of God come to worship .

People: We are the chosen in whom God delights.

▲ HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia

No. 162

OPENING PRAYER

Grant us the strength, O God of mercy, to serve all the world has forgotten—the sick, the poor, the lonely, the frightened, the misunderstood, and the misbegotten. Let them see in us the Christ, who is our daily bread of understanding, healing, courage, and peace. Amen.

INTERLUDE *Improvisation*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Gee Gee Plyler, 8:15; Chuck McClain, 11:00

PSALTER (with response) Psalm 99 No. 819

ANTHEM *Hills & Valleys* Butler/Smith/Wells
David Bernard, Soloist

▲ GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22 Pew Bible (NT), p. 24

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 *Only One Thing Matters!* Pastor Bill Lentz

Christianity and "The State" have had a rocky relationship since Jesus offered the fresh idea of paying taxes to Caesar while worshiping only "The One" who owns it all anyway. Following Christ divides our loyalties, holds us accountable to higher standard and values, and puts us in conflict with parties, clubs, and organizations we identify with in political and social matters. Until his dying day, Jesus obeyed God above and before all others. Only one thing mattered! We are called to the same one thing! What's that?!

▲ HYMN *His Name Is Wonderful* No. 174

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Based on John 14:1-14* By Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**We believe in God,
creator of all that is and all that is to come.
In God's house are many rooms,
and God prepares a place for us,
So that where God is, we may be also.**

**We believe in God; we believe also in Christ,
who is our way, our truth and our life.
Through him we have seen God,
who lived and worked in him.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who lives and works in us;
So that we may do the works that Jesus does,
and even greater works;
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
Alleluia. Amen.**

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE *Voluntary* Jackson

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

**O God, source of all that is, let love, justice, and equality
flow to the world from our offerings here given. We ask
this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

▲ HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* No. 327

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

POSTLUDE *from Twelve Pieces No. 7* S. Wesley