

The liturgical color is green for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Canon in D" Pachelbel
Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME 9:00 Ben Chiappone, 11:00 Paul Montgomery, liturgists

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The word of God is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.

But who will illuminate the scriptures for us?

Jesus fulfills the scriptures.

Every letter and stroke of a pen find their completion in him.

Therefore, treat people in the same way you want people to treat you.

This is the Law and the Prophets.

***OPENING HYMN** "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529

OPENING PRAYER

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM 9:00 "By Our Love" arr. Mary McDonald
Charter Members Men's Choir

11:00 "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19:1-5, p. 390

FAITH IN ACTION

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 9:00 "Thy Word" Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

11:00 "Speak, O Lord" arr. Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir; Dave Sechnick & Larry Fram, soloists

***DOXOLOGY #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!

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery and wonder, we bring our doubts to you. We confess that all too often, we have allowed doubt to overcome faith. We have turned away when our questions became too hard or too painful. We have preferred easier, smaller imitations of the truth to the life and faith you desire for us. We have sought refuge in certainty. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to a heartfelt belief that is unafraid of doubt, that welcomes mystery, that trusts in you. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 OF CENTERING** "Deep in the Shadows of the Past" TFWS 2246

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:16-17, p. 843

MESSAGE "Doubt & Faith II: The Good Book? Wrestling with the Bible"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HYMN OF MISSION "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" UMH 182

Hymn History: The music to this hymn is based on a 17th century tune, "Liebster Jesu wir sind hier" which translates in English to "Dearest Jesus, we are here." It was written by Johann Ahle, a German composer, organist, and music theorist. He was born in the city of Muhlhausen, Thuringia which is a state in present day Germany. After being educated at the University of Erfurt, Ahle became the organist at the Divi Blasii church in Muhlhausen. Divi Blasii is Latin for Devine Blasius who was an early Christian martyr. It is a Lutheran Church. Ahle was eventually elected mayor of Muhlhausen shortly before his death in 1673. He was succeeded as church organist by his son, Johann Georg Ahle. Johann Sebastian Bach later served as this church's organist in 1707 and 1708. In 1969, James Quinn, a Scottish Jesuit Priest, wrote the words that we are singing today.

***BENEDICTION**

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**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in F"

J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance
from Adam Hamilton worship resources for this series*

Altar Flowers are presented by Debi, Mallory Lewis, Jason,
Tiffay, Colin, & Teagan Hughes
In Memory of Tyrel Lewis, son, brother, and uncle.

For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

WRESTLING WITH DOUBT

FINDING FAITH

All scripture is inspired by God...

- 1 Timothy 3:16a

“It’s not parts of the Bible I don’t
understand that trouble me;
it’s the parts that I do understand
that really trouble me.”

- attributed to Mark Twain.

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- Admin Council

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