

ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Call to Worship

We come to worship the God who sees -

Grateful that God knows each one of us, down to the hairs on our heads!

We come to worship the God who hears -

Grateful that nowhere and no one is beyond God's hearing and helping.

We come to worship the God who seeks us and finds us –

Grateful that we are never left alone in the wilderness of our lives.

With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

To God all praise and glory!

***Hymn #645** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all, your love is boundless and poured out upon all. We confess that we live as those who prefer boundaries. We find comfort in having an “other”. We are quick to label those who are different, and to assume that you are on our side. Forgive us for forgetting that you so loved the world, not just our part of it. Forgive us for allowing fear to create enemies. Forgive us for ways we have used words as weapons. Forgive us for turning our backs on those we do not understand. By your mercy, open us again to your love for us and for all. Ever grateful, hear our prayers....

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Response #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3x)

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is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Music of the Day “You Raise Me Up”
Della Lied

Prayer for Illumination

Your word is a lamp to our feet, O God. Shine through the hearing of the scriptures, that we would see more clearly the path you have set before us, as we seek to follow your way. Amen.

A Scripture Conversation

Second Scripture Lesson: Genesis 21:1-21

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Sermon: *“A Bigger Circle”*

***Hymn # 769** “For Everyone Born”

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God the creator, who is always creative and invites us to affirm and explore who we are, with all our differences; and who is the source of our faith.

We believe in God the Saviour revealed in the world as Jesus the Christ, who died and is risen, the one Lord of the church.

We believe in God the Reconciler, the Holy Spirit, who is always with us bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

We believe that our smallness can never diminish God’s vastness; that our frailties can never overcome God’s will for wholeness; that our sin can never crush God’s power for new life even in the face of death.

We believe, and in this belief, we need one another, as a choir needs every voice and every part for the harmony to be complete.

We believe - that in the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ and in the love of God - we are one!

We believe - And may our lives reflect our belief.

Ian Tozer (Uniting Church of Australia, 1997)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: "His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Della Lied

*Presentation

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Receive our gifts, O God, as a sign of our gratitude for all we have received.
Receive our lives as well, and use us to witness to your hope for all in this
your world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and 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 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #372 "O For a World"

*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship leader: Gene Mayhew

Ushers: Barb & Jim Whisman

Nursery: Lyn Briggs & Susan Townsend

Fellowship Hour: Peter McCurdy

The flowers today are given by *Dean & Lynn MacEwen*

In Memory of Parents & Grandparents

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Esther Maria Gilpin

1897-1966

Dorothy Holmberg

1907-1988

Vacation Bible School NEEDS

VBS week is coming up fast – July 9-13! Please join us – there are lots of ways to help! No experience necessary, so new faces welcome!!

VBS planning is well underway, and the Crafts group is in need of 20 additional clear plastic jars in the 12 to 16oz size - the type used for mayonnaise, peanut butter, or some jarred fruit. There will be a basket in the Christian Ed building in the foyer labeled "VBS Crafts". If you have any questions about crafts or supplies, please see Lisa Raker.

Urban Promise Potluck Supper--Sunday, July 2nd, 5:00 p.m.

We are hosting a potluck supper again for interns/staff of the Urban Promise Summer Camp Program. At 6 sites in Wilmington, this free camp offers sports, crafts, and Bible lessons. The interns/staff will use our facility for group building, reflection and problem-solving, while sharing a meal. Please sign up TODAY to provide a main dish, salad, side dish or dessert. (Preparing ahead and freezing is an option if you're away). Bring your dish to church Sunday morning, or better yet, join us for supper! All are welcome – the staff and program will inspire you!

Friendship House Breakfast --Sunday, July 9th at 7:00 a.m.

It's our turn to serve breakfast at the Episcopal Church of Sts. Andrew and Matthew (8th & Shipley Street in Wilmington). Volunteers are needed to serve breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Others can help by donating 5 lbs of shredded cheese, 5 lbs of chopped ham, and 2 gallons of milk. Sign-up sheets are d in the CE building. BJ's or Costco shoppers, consider donating large cans of coffee, bags of sugar, and coffee creamer for the breakfast program. A basket will be provided and we'll deliver on the morning we serve. Join us in this ministry that's fed the hungry every Sunday for over 20 years!

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Gingher, silverfran@aol.com

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	6/25	10:30am 11:30am	All Family Worship Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome!
Tuesday	6/27	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Saturday	7/1	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	7/2	10:30am 11:30am 5:00pm	All Family Worship & Lord's Supper Preaching – Lyle Dykstra Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome! Urban Promise Potluck Supper