

ORDER OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

It is a day of blessing and promise.

It is a day of forgiveness and renewal.

It is a day of peace and purpose.

It is a gift of grace.

Let us open ourselves to listen and receive all that this day offers,

As we open our mouths to offer our grateful praise.

***Hymn #14** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace: You know our hearts and what we hide there. Forgive us for thinking we can hide from you, and for not trusting you with our lives. Forgive us for all that gets in the way of your Spirit's work within and among us. Forgive us for pride and fear that resist new possibilities. Forgive us for holding on to old hurts and habits, from which you have set us free. Forgive us for withering, when you call us to bear fruit. For any way we have sinned against you, we seek your mercy. Hear our prayers, O God... (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 "Witness" trad spiritual arr by Jack Halloran
Della Lied, Joy Compher & James Green**

Prayer for Illumination

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, O God. Open us to your word today, to see and to follow the good news you shine our way. Amen..

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A Scripture Conversation

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:18-23 Page 14

Sermon

“Sowing Lessons”

***Hymn #171** “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “Once a Woman Seeking Water” C. Gillette
Della Lied, Joy Compher & James Green

***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**

We do praise you, O God, for all the ways that you bless us – your abundant mercy, your gracious gifts, all that we have and are. Having planted much within us, grow us into faithful and fruitful disciples, that we would be a blessing to others in your name. In the way of Jesus, 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 #714** “God of the Fertile Fields”

*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: Scott Matthews

Ushers: Bev & Rod Denison and Janet Spring

Nursery: Melissa Boris

Fellowship Hour: Bev Denison & Ringo Keka

The flowers today are given by *Karen Dobson*

In Memory of Erle (Buddy) Dobson & In Honor of Skylar Reign Teller

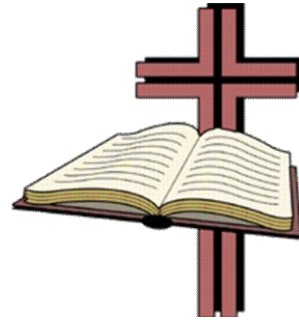
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Harry J. Rothrock

1871-1966

Freda Hanson

1902-1989



Congratulations

Welcome to the world, William Rowland Spivey, born July 11! And congrats to his proud Nana, Nancy Rowland!

Welcome to the world, Skylar Reign Teller, daughter of Danika and Rhett Teller, niece of Zach Dobson and granddaughter of Karen Dobson. She was born on May 29th, 7 lbs 9 oz. 21". God is good.



New Castle County Summer Camp

Again this summer, our fellowship hall will welcome the New Castle County Summer Camp on rainy days. During the month of July and in early August, expect to see busy children engaging in fun and educational activities when the weather does not cooperate. We're glad to welcome these children and their leaders and support this important ministry!

VBS Thank You!

Abundant thanks to all who brought this year's VBS "Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed" to life! We had 32 children & youth helpers gather for dinner, Bible lesson, games, music and crafts! We made our "mustard seed" offerings to support the Urban Bike Project in Wilmington. And we couldn't have done it without our class teachers (Janet Spring, Diana Reilly, Bev Stoudt/Amy Selheimer), our NCPC youth helpers (Zarina Stone, Mason & Dylan Reilly, Chris Raker), our Music leader (Minerva Lermond), our Craft leaders (Lisa & Kaitlyn Raker), our Games leaders (Bruce Raker & Ray Snyder), our opening/closing leader (Jenny Warren & Patti Hansen), our Dinner Crews (Lyn Briggs, Kim Beebe, Patti Hanson, Miranda Matthews, George & Aaron Spock, Susan Townsend, Kelly & Peter McCurdy, Amy Selheimer), our set/prop designers (the Raker family, Lyn & Rachel Briggs), our Registration Crew (Lyn Briggs, Kris Stone, Sarah McCann) --- and to all of YOU who donated food and craft items! It takes a village to do a VBS -- thanks for being our village people!

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	7/16	10:30am 11:30am 7:00pm	All Family Worship Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome! 3 Board Mtg – Fellowship Hall
Monday	7/17	7:00pm	English Country Dancers
Saturday	7/22	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	7/23	10:30am 11:30am	All Family Worship Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome!

Kris will be on vacation, Friday, July 21st and the office will be closed.