

ORDER OF WORSHIP
8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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

“O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.”

We gather seeking God's presence, and singing God's praises –

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise be to your name!

***Hymn #19** God of Great and God of Small

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your kingdom is all around us.

Forgive us for not having eyes to seek it out, or the will to point it out to others.

Jesus told us that “The kingdom of God is within you.”

Forgive us for holding back what we could show and share.

Forgive us for distorting your image in us.

Forgive us for denying your kingdom in others.

By your mercy, open our eyes to see anew your way and your working in this world, and in our lives.

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)

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

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

**Music of the Day “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” Dykes & Bonar
Betty Everett & Minerva Lermond**

Prayer for Illumination

May your Spirit shine light upon your Word this day, that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen..

A Scripture Conversation

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:31-33,44-51

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Sermon A Kingdom beyond compare

***Affirmation Faith**

Frederick Buechner

**If we only had eyes to see and ears to hear and wits to understand,
we would know that the Kingdom of God in the sense of
holiness, goodness, beauty is as close as breathing
and is crying out to born both within ourselves and within the world;
we would know that the Kingdom of God is what we all of us hunger for
above all other things even when we don't know its name
or realize that it's what we're starving to death for.**

**The Kingdom of God is where our best dreams come from and our truest
prayers. We glimpse it at those moments when we find ourselves being better
than we are and wiser than we know.**

**We catch sight of it when at some moment of crisis a strength seems to come to
us that is greater than our own strength.**

The Kingdom of God is where we belong.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: "To be With Him" John Peterson

Betty Everett & Minerva Lermond

*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 offer ourselves to you, O God – both what we give, and how we live.
May all of our thoughts, words and deeds show something of your Kingdom's
presence and power. 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 #451** Open My Eyes, that I May See

*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: Beverly Stoudt

Ushers: Bev & Rod Denison and Janet Spring

Nursery: Lyn Briggs & Susan Townsend

Fellowship Hour: Noon Circle

The flowers today are given by *Susan Townsend*

**In Memory of Arline Olds, Cliff Olds, Grandmother &
Grandfather Hutchins and Aunt Lottie**

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Eleanor R. Shattuck

1886-1967

Rosemary Boggs

1915-1989



National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1, 2017, the City of New Castle and the New Castle Police Department will celebrate National Night Out (NNO). National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The theme is "Red and White Drug Free."

The event will take place at the end of Delaware Street in Battery Park from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Paul Freebery will emcee the event and play music for listening and dancing, the Goodwill Fire Company and the New Castle Police Department will have a variety of demonstrations and apparatus on display, child ID kits have been provided by the Trustees of the New Castle Commons, the New Castle Lions and the New Castle Methodist Church will be cooking up hot dogs and organizing games, and more fun activities are in the works.

Our church will also be involved and we are looking for volunteers. You can help by either bringing in healthy snacks or watermelon, setting up, cleaning up or helping with a game. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Koczak McCurdy at (302) 750-6030

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	7/30	10:30am 11:30am	All Family Worship Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome!
Tuesday	8/1	6pm-8pm	National Night Out
Friday	8/4		OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	8/5	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	8/6	10:30am 11:30am	All Family Worship & Lord's Supper Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome!

Kris will be on vacation Friday, August 4 and Monday, August 7