

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

August 20, 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**

Come, people of God, and give thanks.

**We are grateful for God's many blessings, and for the gift of faith to know the Giver of them all!**

Come, people of God, and seek peace.

**We come to find the forgiveness and grace God seeks to give us.**

Come, people of God, and find purpose.

**We seek God's wisdom and way, as we renew our calling to live as God's people in this world.**

Giving thanks, seeking peace and purpose,

**Let us worship God together!**

\***Hymn #31**

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

\*Prayer of Adoration

## Call to Confession

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God, we come seeking your mercy, grateful that it is ever faithful, ever sure. For you know our hearts. You know how we have strayed from your way by things we have thought, said and done. Forgive us, O God. We too easily dismiss what calls for our attention and action. We too easily give up when things don't seem to change. We grow weary of trying. Forgive us for such half-hearted discipleship. Renew in us the commitment to serve you wholeheartedly. Open our eyes to see your call, and our purpose, all around us. Grateful that you never give up on us, 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 "Bouree I and II (from Cello Suite 3)" J.S. Bach  
Carolyn Hendrix

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**O God, reveal yourself to us through the hearing of your Word this day. Make room in us to take it in, and reshape our lives for having heard it. For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

A Scripture Conversation

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 15:21-28

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Sermon

*“Nevertheless, She Persisted”*

\* **Hymn #770** “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\*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 give, because we have received, O God. You have blessed us with much, and we offer some. You have given us life, and we offer ourselves to your service. Use all that we give, and the way that we live, to persist in your work of welcome, healing and hope in this world. 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 #700** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

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

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**Thank you for serving today:**

Worship leader: Carol Mayhew

Ushers: Ray Snyder & Jim Stoudt

Nursery: Melissa Boris & Heather Raezer

Fellowship Hour: Jennifer Dunham & Linda Twyford

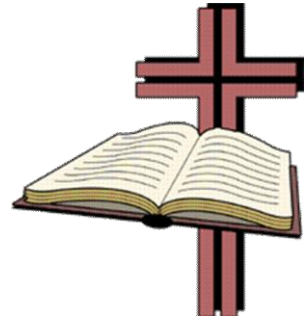
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Hugh F. Davis*

*1959-1968*

*Helen H. Matteson*

*1897-1990*



**Prayer Requests**

We welcome your prayer requests, and will gladly include them in our prayers during worship. We regret that some have become hidden in the offering bags. To ensure that they reach the pastor, please give your prayer request form directly to an usher at the offering time.

## PC(USA) Statement Condemning White Supremacy and Racism

In the aftermath of the events of August 11 and 12 in Charlottesville, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reaffirms its condemnation of white supremacy and racism, names them as sin, and renews its commitment to disrupting them and working for justice and equity.

We give thanks for the presence and faithful witness of church members who stand against white supremacy and racism. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, stood against hate in Charlottesville. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, works to disrupt racism and to build racial equity in places across the country. We grieve for Heather Heyer, who was killed while standing witness; we grieve for state police officers H. Jay Cullen and Berke Bates, who died in a helicopter crash while monitoring events in Charlottesville; we pray for the recovery of all who were injured.

We acknowledge that Scripture has been misused to justify white supremacy and racism. However, we proclaim that the Bible's message presents a far more consistent and insistent witness to God's love for diversity and justice. This may be observed in God's delight in the varied creation; heard in the words of prophets who reject oppression and commend justice as true worship; seen in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, who values all persons regardless of any aspect of their identity; and experienced through the work of the Holy Spirit, who consistently blows through all the divisions we create, to reveal God's love for all humanity.

White supremacy and racism stand in stark, irreconcilable contradiction to God's intention for humanity. They reject part of the human family and are utterly contrary to God's Word made incarnate in Jesus. They are idolatries that elevate human-created hierarchies over God's freely given grace and love. They are lies about the human family, for they seek to say that some people are less than other people. They are lies about God because they falsely claim that God favors some people over the entirety of creation.

But as we give thanks, we acknowledge the church's complicity in the creation of white supremacy and racism. We confess the church's failure in challenging and disrupting white supremacy and racism. Too often we have accepted the status quo. Too often we have stood silent in the face of injustice and oppression.

By God's grace may we remember the events in Charlottesville; repent of our acquiescence and failures; and renew our commitment to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ. May that commitment lead us to stand against, speak against and work against racism and white supremacy, this day and every day.

May it be so. Amen.

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Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Tony De La Rosa  
Interim Executive Director - Presbyterian Mission

Rev. T. Denise Anderson & Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston  
Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016)

## **Prayer List:**

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

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**This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8/20</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>All Family Worship</b> <b>Fellowship Hour</b> - All are Welcome!
		<b>11:40am</b> <b>11:40am</b>	<b>Christian Education Mtg</b> <b>Resource Development Mtg</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8/21</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Deadline for Newsletter</b> <b>English Country Dancers</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8/22</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8/26</b>	<b>8-9am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8/27</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>All Family Worship</b> <b>Fellowship Hour</b> - All are Welcome! <b>Officer Training</b>