

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2016

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* Negro Spiritual

Call to Worship

One: In a world of pain and trouble, we need a place to heal. Here and now, we have come into the presence of God our healer

All: **God is our rock and our refuge.**

One: We seek deliverance from the evils of sickness, illness, and disease.

All: **God is our rock and our refuge.**

One: Let the old and the aging, the young and the innocent, the confused and the lost, turn to the Lord in hope.

All: **God is our rock and our refuge.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Gathering Song *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 12

\* Prayer of Reconciliation (adapted from Psalm 103:8-10)

*Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.*

All: **God of mercy and grace, slow to anger, always faithful: our lives are not as you would have them be. Our ways have not been your ways; our words have not been your words; our thoughts have not been your thoughts. Deal with us, not according to what we have done wrong, but according to your lovingkindness. By your Spirit, direct our lives so that we might walk more closely in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen**

\*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Indeed, as high as the heavenly canopy is above the earth, so is God's lovingkindness for those who hold the Lord in holy awe. As distant as the sunrise is from the sunset, the Lord removes our rebellion from us.

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri # 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

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Heifer Project

Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries.

A Song of Blessing (Adapted from an Irish Blessing, Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

All: **May joy and peace surround you, contentment at your door, And happiness be with you now, God bless you evermore.**

~Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: **Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10 page 698

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 71:1-6 page 532

<sup>71:1</sup> In you, Lord, I have taken refuge,

let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

turn your ear to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup> Be my rock of refuge,

to which I can always go;

give the command to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

<sup>5</sup> For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,

my confidence since my youth.

<sup>6</sup> From birth I have relied on you;

you brought me forth from my mother's womb.

I will ever praise you.

New Testament Epistle Hebrews 12:18-28 page 227

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Gospel Lesson Luke 13:10-17 page 76

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Message Carol Dean

~Responding to God's Word~

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Let us stand and affirm our faith.*

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

[The Apostles Creed]

**Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad**

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

**Offertory**

*Webb*

George J Webb

**\*Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology* # 606

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: A-men.**

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**Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

~Going Forth to Serve God~

**Life in Our Church Community**

**\*Song of Sending Forth** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* # 275

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*St. Gertrude*

Arthur S Sullivan

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\*Please stand, if you are able.

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**SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL**

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

10:45-11:30 Children and Youth Sunday School

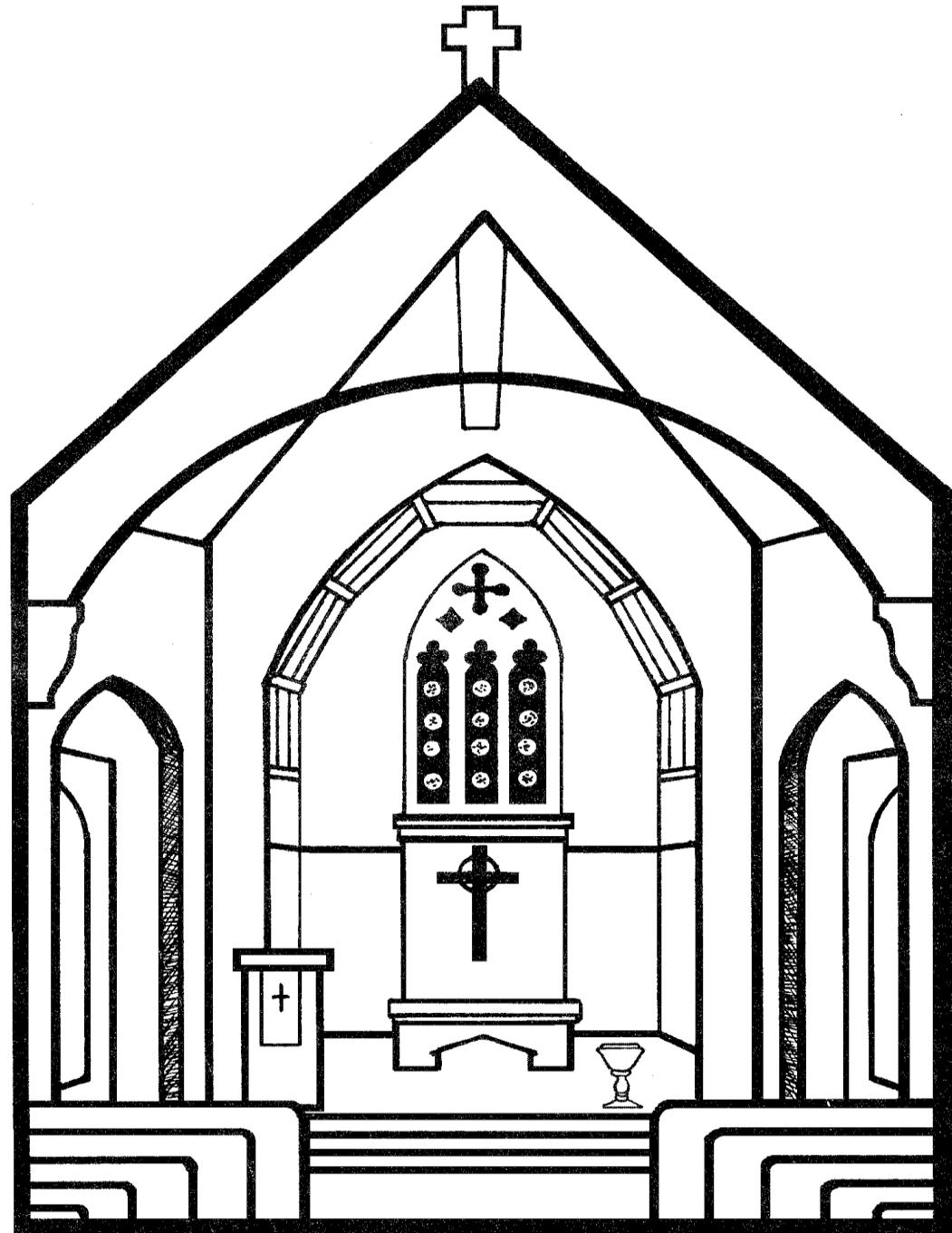
**GENERAL NOTICES**

Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is provided during worship.

The Session meets the third Sunday of the month.

The Church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 4, Marcia Warren Scoutmaster, and

Cub Scout Pack 15, Brian Hall Cubmaster



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