

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *Ave Maria* F. Schubert

Call to Worship

One: How are you this morning?

All: **It would be easy for us to say “fine, thank you,” but the truth is that there are lots of things going on in our lives, lots of time crunches and pressures.**

One: You have come to the right place. Rest for a minute. Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Just relax and let your heart be open to God’s word for you.

All: **That sounds good to us.**

One: Feel the healing, soothing power of God’s love for you.

All: **Lord, we rest our minds, spirits, and hearts in your compassionate love. Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* **Gathering Song** *Jesus Calls Us* #720

\* **Prayer of Reconciliation**

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

All: **Patient Lord, we schedule our lives down to the very second. We crowd in as much activity as we can and then wonder why we are so stressed out and tired. We are afraid to miss out on anything. Forgive us when we miss the opportunity to sit at your feet, learning, listening, growing in our faith. Help us to place ourselves in your care. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

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

\***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: On the seventh day of creation, God rested, creating a Sabbath, a time set apart for rest, to learn, to listen, to be quiet and at peace. Let Sabbath take root in your heart and in your life. Be at peace in God’s love for you. 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.**

Tune: Gloria Patri, Henry W. Greatorex, 1851, Public Domain.

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: **Whether our names are Mary or Martha, James or John, Keesha or Maya, Jose or Miguel, Jung-Su or Kim: Christ calls us each by name. Let us leave our distractions behind, and listen for God’s voice. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Amos 8:1-12 page 856

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

New Testament Epistle Paul’s Letter to the Colossians 1:15-28 page 200

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:38-42 page 72

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Message *Being Both Martha and Mary* Sam Roethemeyer

~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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Johann Nageli, arr Lowell Mason

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

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.**

Tune: Old Hundredth LM, Genevan Psalter 1551, Public Domain

**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**                      *Fairest Lord Jesus*                      # 630

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                                      *Whispering Hope*                                      Hawthorne

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\*Please stand, if you are able.  
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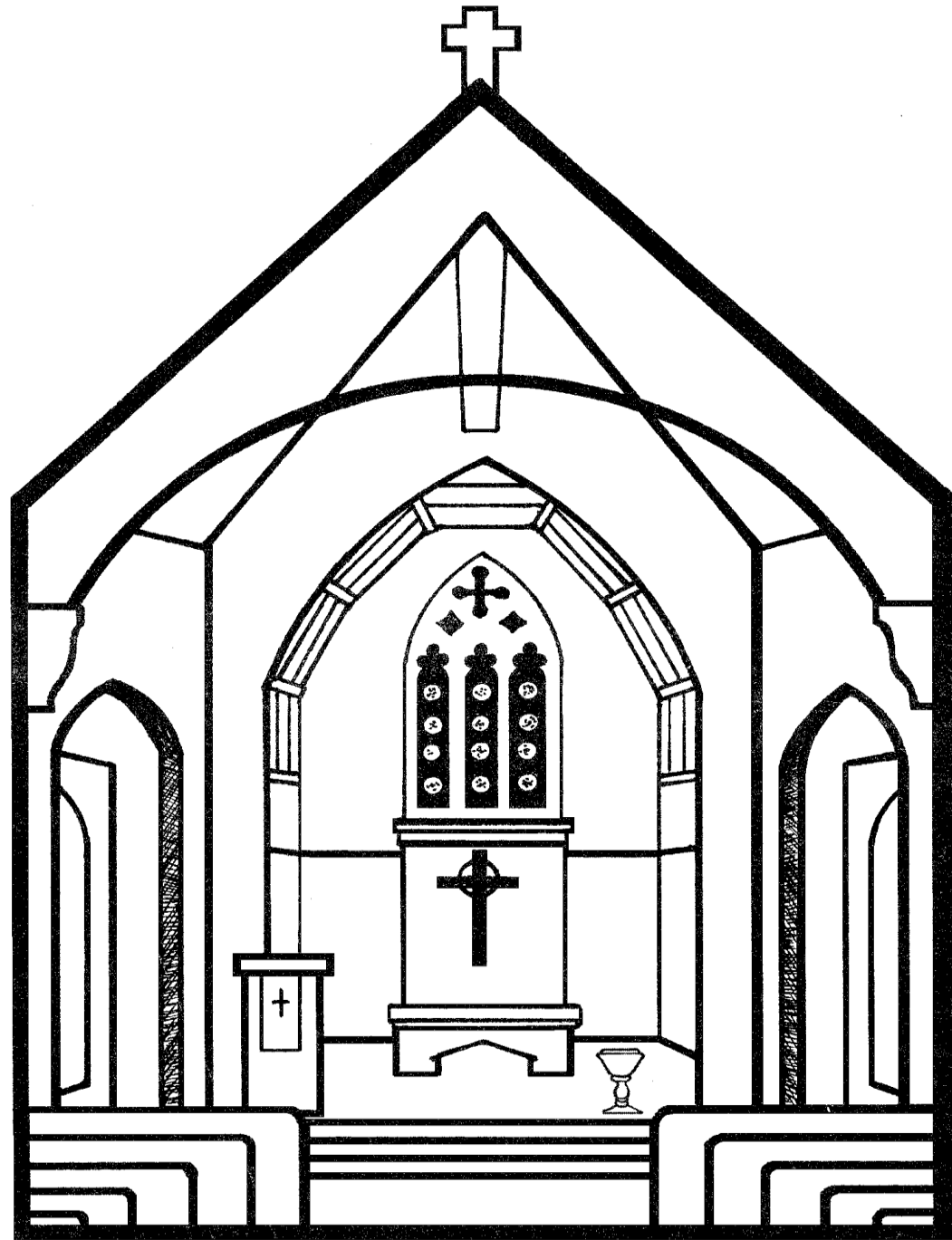
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**SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL**

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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