

7th Sunday in Easter

May 8th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Beneath The Cross Of Jesus* *arr. Geschke*
Handbell Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come Father, Son And Spirit*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalms 19 & 63*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: We lift up our hands, O Lord, and call upon your holy name, for you are our Rock and our Redeemer

All: We will bless you as long as we live. Because of your steadfast love our lips will forever praise you.

One: The speech of the heavens proclaims your handiwork and tells of your glory day by day.

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts do the same, not just this morning, but every day of our lives!

+HYMN OF PRAISE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #487

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, of all the creatures you have created, you have given us, alone, the ability to speak. However we do not always use this gift in a way that makes you proud. We do not speak to others in ways that reflect your goodness, mercy and love. In our relationships with others we say hurtful things, arrogant things, spiteful things, false things. We damage others with our insensitive words. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to speak with love and honor and respect. Send us your Spirit that we may speak to everyone we meet as if it were you, for we are all created in your image. Let the words of our mouths bring you praise, and may the things we speak be seasoned with your love and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – The Pentecost Offering

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 5 thru 3rd grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4th grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

+PREPARATORY HYMN *Though I May Speak* #335

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 141:1-4 p. 542 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *We Live By Faith* *Choplin*

GOSPEL READING James 3:1-8 p. 203 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* *arr. Arison*

+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against god; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the god of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

+ SENDING HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me* #426

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Go With Us, Lord*

+POSTLUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* *arr. Hustad*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are Lila Godfrey and Wiley Leidig
- the bell ringer is Ben Campbell
- the W.O.W. leaders are Alicia and Kaylee Arney
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Trent & Rachel Bales
- the nursery volunteers are Jan Hardman and Sydney Johnson
- the sound board tech is Dennis Bailey

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

VISITORS: We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register this morning. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME – At the Session retreat in April the decision was made to change the worship time to 10:00 a.m. for JUNE AND JULY ONLY. The Session also felt that these two months should be more informal. We will be making a couple of changes to the worship order for a more relaxed environment, the pastor and the choir will not wear robes, and worshipers are invited to dress more casually, as well. In August we will return to our regular time and attire.

WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY! Next Sunday is Pentecost and the tradition at SSPC is for folks to wear red in celebration. Red is associated with Pentecost because of the fire of the Holy Spirit we read about in the telling of the story of Pentecost in Acts 2.

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES is on *The Book of James*. James is a letter written to encourage and help Christians across the world to face the challenge of faith. It has been called the "Proverbs of the New Testament" because it is filled with practical advice about how to live lives of faith as individuals and as a church. This sermon series will take us back to the basics as we look at the core essentials we need to incorporate into our lives of discipleship.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

May 8	James 3:1-18	<i>James: Taming the Tongue</i>
May 15	James 4:1-17	<i>James: Faith and Humility</i>
May 22	James 5:1-12	<i>James: Warnings Against the Rich</i>
May 29	James 5:13-20	<i>James: The Prayers of the Faithful</i>

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LITURGIST? We are looking to expand our pool of liturgists and would love to have YOU join. Pastor Tim holds a training class for all new liturgists so that you will be prepared to serve. If you have ever thought about serving as a liturgist, now is a great time to start. Contact Pastor Tim if you are interested. He will schedule the training class once we have enough folks signed up.

OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS we are going to be updating our records so we can publish a new Church Directory (the non-pictorial kind!). Are you a new member, has your address or phone number changed, do you have a new addition to your family, are you receiving email updates from the church or has your email address changed, does the church have your birth date so that we can help celebrate your special day, if not, there is a form on the table in the Narthex that you can take to update all of your information. Once completed, you can put it in the offering plate, place in Donna's mailbox, or drop it by the church anytime. We will compare our records to the form and make sure we have all your information correct.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

DYING WELL – Got your attention? Good! On Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m., Pastor Tim will be presenting a class called "Dying Well". The class is designed to help people of all ages to think about the practical issues surrounding death and dying and the important decisions we can make when we are healthy that will empower and serve our loved ones in the future, including living wills and durable powers of attorney. If you ever plan on dying – whether it's in the near or far distant future - you should come to this class!

