

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 19th, 2016

10:00 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude in the Classic Style* Young

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Come. Bless The Lord*

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 55

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Give ear to our prayers, O God; do not hide yourself from our supplications.

All: **Attend to us and answer us; we are troubled and distraught.**

One: Our hearts are in anguish within us, the terrors of death surround us.

All: **Fear and trembling have come upon us and horror overwhelms us. We call upon you, O Lord – come and save us.**

One: Cast your burdens upon the Lord and he will sustain you.

All: **The Lord will not permit the righteous to be moved. We will put our trust in the Lord.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *O God, Our Words Cannot Express* ST. ANNE

O God, our words cannot express the pain we feel this day
Enraged, uncertain, we confess our need to bow and pray

We grieve for all who lost their lives, and for each injured one
We pray for children, husbands, wives, whose grief has just begun

O Lord, we're called to offer prayer for all our leaders, too
May they, amid such great despair be wise in all they do

We trust your mercy and your grace; in you we will not fear!
May peace and justice now embrace! Be with your people here!

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of All Creation, we confess to you that we too often turn from you right at the moment we need you the most. We experience suffering, violence, hatred, evil, heartache, loss, pain – and our first response is to point fingers, blame, argue, and criticize. Lord, have mercy on us. Help us to respond to hatred with love, to evil with justice, and to suffering with compassion. Send us your Holy Spirit that our faith may be strengthened when we experience pain, and that our faith may give hope to others, especially during difficult times. We pray in the name of Jesus, who endured suffering on our behalf. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #579

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.

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.

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION *O God of Every Nation* #289

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Habakkuk 1:1-4, 1:12-2:1 p. 824 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *All Hail The Power* arr. Hayes

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:18-39 p. 138 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from* Romans 8

We believe the sufferings of this present time are nothing when compared to the light of glory that will be revealed to us. Even though we cannot see this glory now, we place our hope in it and wait for it with patience. We believe that when we are overwhelmed by the sufferings of this age and do not know how to pray, God's Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf with sighs too deep for words. We believe that all things work together for good for those who love God; that if God is for us then no one can stand against us; that God loved us so much that he did not withhold his own Son, giving him to us that we might be saved. God's Son, Christ Jesus, died and was raised, and sits at the right hand of God to intercede on our behalf. Nothing can separate us from his love – not hardship or distress or persecution, not famine or need or peril or the sword. We believe that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place* Wolfe
+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN *This Is My Father's World* #293

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Lord, Let Us Now Depart*

+POSTLUDE *Wedding March* Mendelssohn

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Amanda Livingston
- the bell ringer is Adryana Counts
- the WOW leaders are John & Jamie Hortenstine
- the Little WOW leaders are Dianne Loomis and Sarah Allen
- the nursery volunteers are Connie Bundy and Vickie Crigger
- the sound board tech is Jasper Leidig

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 – *Worship is at 10:00 a.m.* for the months of JUNE AND JULY. Worshipers are invited to dress more casually during these months. In August we will return to our regular time and attire.

A NEWLY UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY is available on table in Narthex.

POSTLUDES FOR SUMMER will highlight classical and hymn-tune marches for organ. Felix Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" in C major, written in 1842, is one of the best known of the pieces from his suite of incidental music (Op. 61) to Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

THE SERMONS THIS SUMMER are based on passages from the Revised Common Lectionary. The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings from Scripture used by Protestant denominations all over the world that coincide with the Christian liturgical calendar. The idea behind the Lectionary is that over a three-year period, congregations will be exposed to the full range of Biblical texts and the entirety of the Biblical story. In addition, congregations all over the world will be hearing and meditating on the same passage of Scripture, emphasizing our unity as the Body of Christ.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

June 19	Romans 8:18-39	<i>Where Is God When Bad Things Happen?</i>
June 26	TBD	<i>Rev. Schaap Freeman preaching</i>
July 3	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	<i>The Lord's Day & Independence Day</i>
July 10	Amos 7:7-17	<i>The Treatment of the Poor</i>

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Jan Hardman

CONGRATULATIONS TO LARRY BALL who has just completed a week of training in Orlando, FL. Larry is now a Stephen Leader and will be working in all aspects of our Stephen Ministry program. Also, congratulations to Bridget Lamie, Jane Leidig, Kent Peterson and Helen Philips, all of whom will soon begin the training to become Stephen Ministers. Our church is very blessed to have these five Christians that are eager to share their talents and the love of Christ with those in need. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MORE DISCIPLES TO TRAIN AS MINISTERS, ESPECIALLY MEN!!** For more information about the training call Toni Oliver at 276.206.3321 or Larry Ball at 276.759.4532.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Kate Shockley & Stanley Haynes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday night Bible study is on summer hiatus. Please watch the bulletin for information about our Fall Bible study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUSPENSION ~ All Sunday School classes during the Summer Worship Time Change will be suspended.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS 3 WEEKS AWAY! If you have not registered your child for VBS or sent in your Youth registration form you need to do it today. Registration forms are on the Children's Worship table in the Narthex. VBS welcomes all children ages 4 thru 5th grade. VBS is July 11- 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The color for Monday, July 11 is RED. Come prepared to have a great time at the Surf Shack!

SNACKS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL You can help by bringing in a snack item to be used during the week of VBS, July 11-14. There is a container in the Narthex for you to place your items. Some suggestions are: popcorn, vanilla wafers, cookies – (NO peanut butter), chips, crackers or pretzels. Please stay away from anything with peanuts as some children are allergic. Thank you for helping in this way!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: *(Please note, we did not receive the following in time to include it with our other 2016 graduates.)* **ERIN TOLAR**, daughter of former Pastor Robert & Paige Tolar, has earned a degree in Music at DePauw University Summa Cum Laude and has been given a teaching assistant scholarship at Indiana University where she will pursue a PhD in Learning Science. The Tolars now live in Grove City, OH where Robert is pastor of Grove City Presbyterian Church.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Mimi Hull & Alice Rainey

POSTPONED -- OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE! The Kid's Backpack Summer food Program for June has been cancelled. Our next opportunity will be July 5 – 6. Please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Narthex.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGE is to serve at Faith in Action at least once during the year. Larry Bays shared with us that Faith in Action serves many different people, in many different circumstances, in our community. Please consider how you can help: Serve at the food pantry during our next week, July 10-15, or bring canned goods (place in basket at the stairs); volunteer at The New Life Thrift Shop, or donate gently used household goods or furniture; serve at Crossroads Medical Mission, any Tuesday; or donate financially by writing FiA in your check's memorandum line. For more information on getting involved, contact: Angie Haynes, 698.4123 or Alicia Arney, 628.6364.



IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, June 19th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 21st

1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting in Grant Room
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. AI Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 23rd

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 25th

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 26th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for June 12, 2016

Attendance: 143
Offering – Week of June 12: \$7,791

CHURCH BULLETINS are available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mazie Cook, Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston, Claude Greever (English Meadows), Marjorie Addison (English Meadows), Helen Napps and Rosemary Sweet (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Sara Gilley and Bob Tolar

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Richie Hooker, Ernie & Mary Barr, Fred Holt and Bob Horsch

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Mark Widener, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III, Dexter Bevis and Miles Ratliff

*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

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*Responding to God's grace,
we are called to be a welcoming community,
following Jesus, serving joyfully,
and sharing God's love with each other and the world.*



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