

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, October 18, 2015

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING:

PRELUDE: *Te Deum* Charpentier

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

C Amen.

P Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

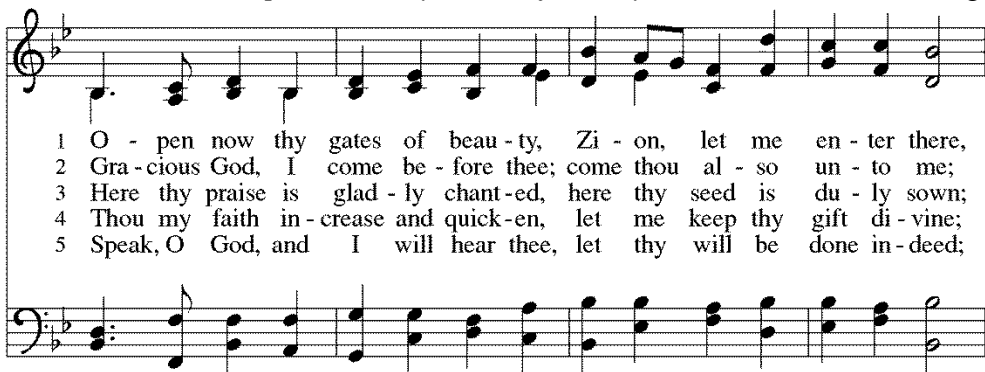
P Steadfast and saving God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm
one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth
from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the
sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

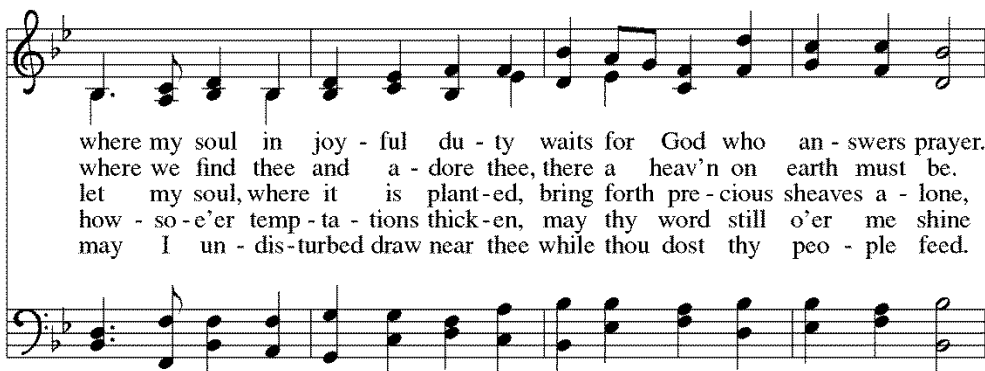
P In the name of ☩ Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of
need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds.
Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

C Amen.

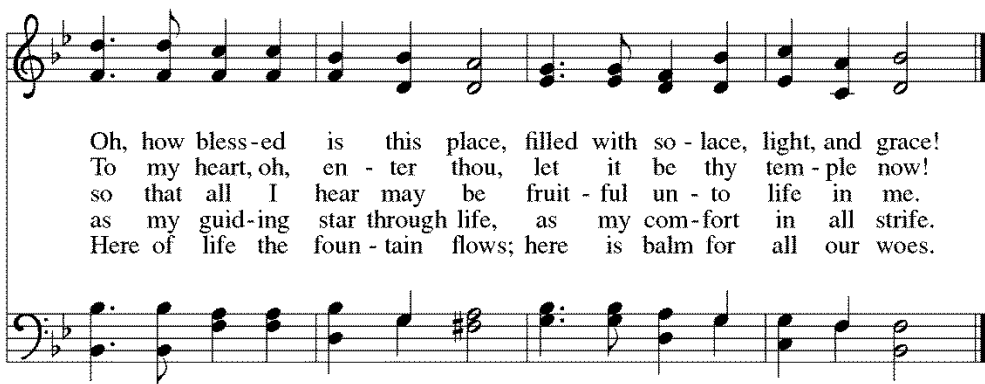
GATHERING SONG: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty All Stand & Sing*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

GREETING

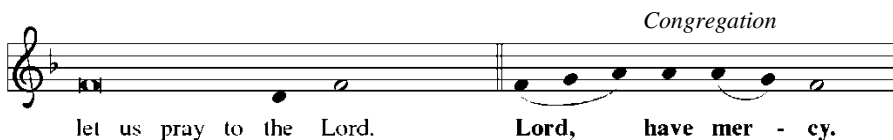
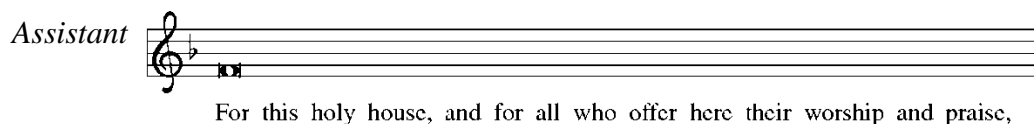
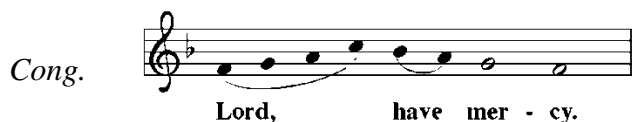
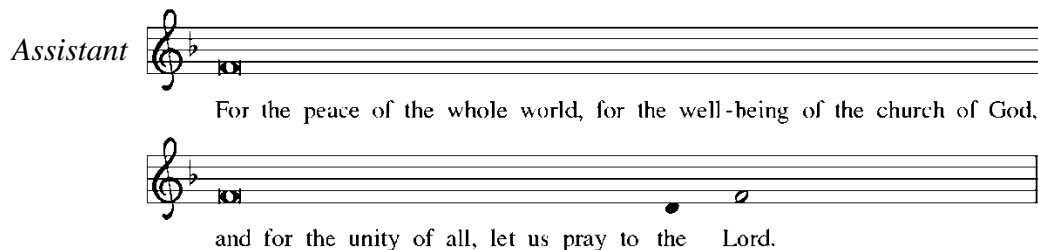
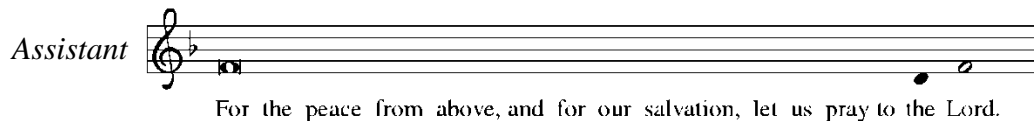
P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

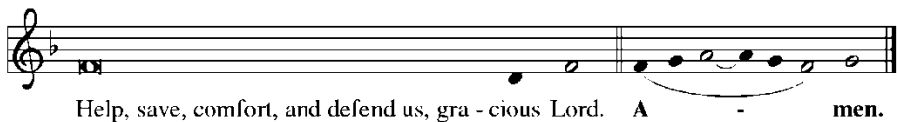
C And also with you.

KYRIE

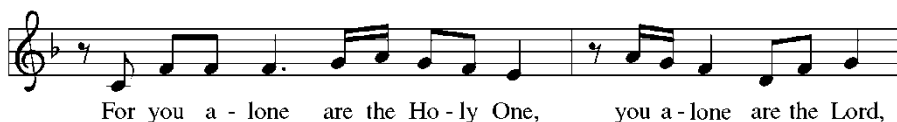
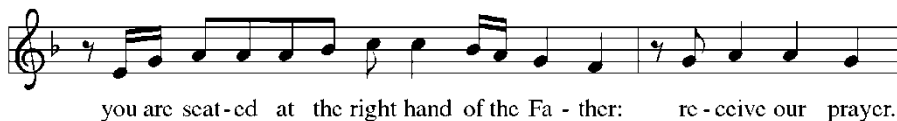
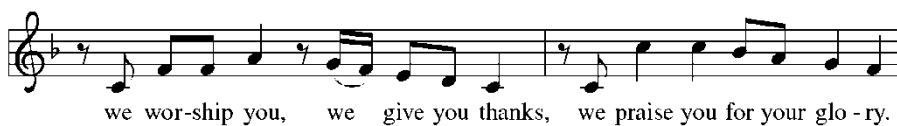
Assistant

Congregation





GLORY TO GOD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Congregation is seated and invited to **sing “Jesus Loves Me”**
as the children come forward.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nursery**.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:9-16 Women read odd verses, Men even

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from the fifth chapter of Hebrews.

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

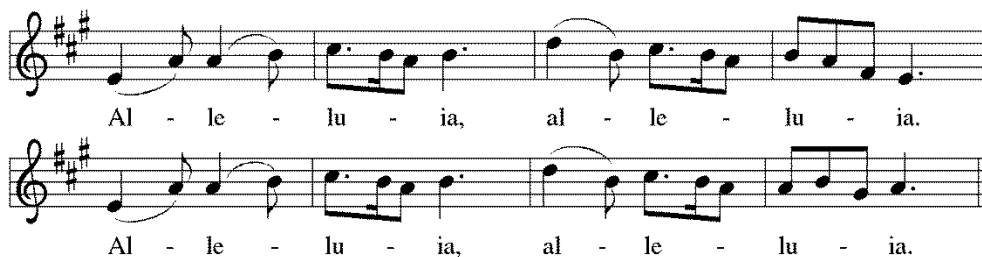
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries

and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must

be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON..... Guest Pastor Kyle Hayes

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* All Stand & Sing

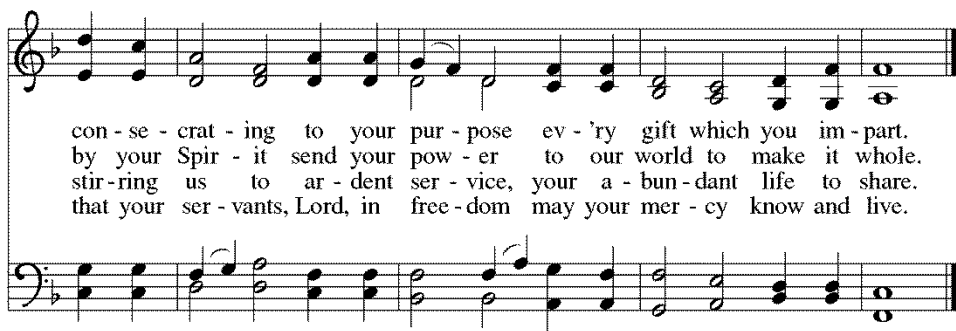


1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;

we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

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Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

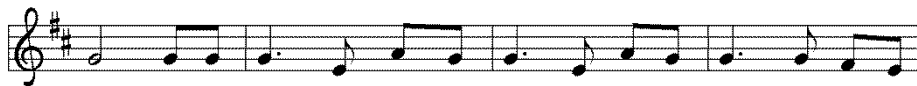
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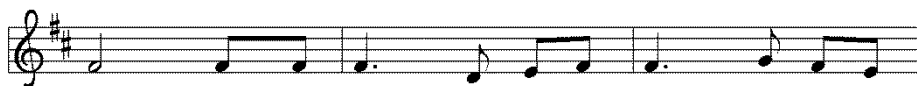
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *For By Grace You Have Been Saved* Choir, Verse 1
Congregation, verses 2 & 3



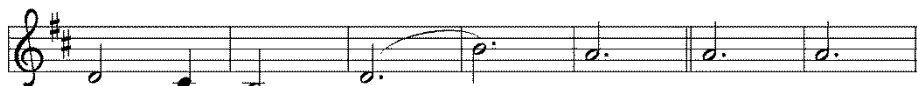
1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
 2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
 3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
 own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
 self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



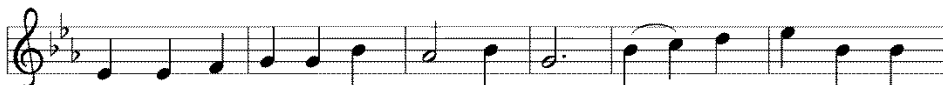
done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
 own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is
 self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



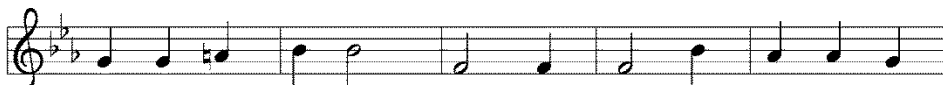
God's great gift. A - men.
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Text: Kari Tikka, b. 1946; tr. Michael Harper
 Music: ARMOLAU, Kari Tikka
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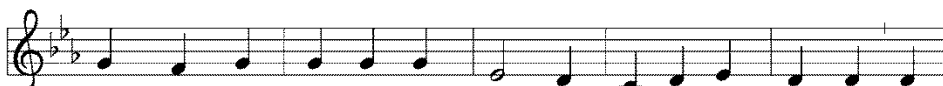
OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create In Me* All Stand & Sing



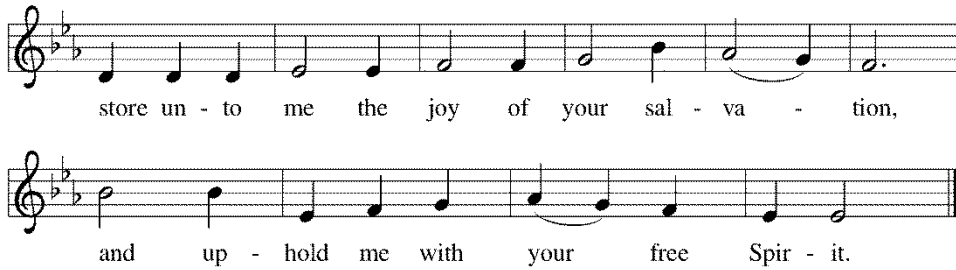
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
A brief silence.

Holy One who comes to serve your people, transform us into servants and make us instruments of your will, so that your justice and peace may be accomplished. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Preserve the whole creation so that animals, plants, and land flourish. Protect endangered species and renew polluted waterways. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany physicians, researchers, fundraisers, and relief workers who seek to eradicate preventable diseases, such as malaria. Bring forth fruit from their cooperative efforts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Ease the many burdens resulting from illness and mend the brokenness caused by sin. Be with those who suffer and make your people whole. (*Especially we pray for . . .*) Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Inspire the work and words of artists, authors, preachers, and teachers in the church. Use their gifts to proclaim your goodness to those who long to hear. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We remember saints led by your spirit. Give us Christ's Spirit of obedience, while you continue the work of making all things new. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God,
remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**



SENDING SONG: *Let All Things Now Living* All Stand & Sing

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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COMMUNION is available after the service for those who wish to receive it.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PASTOR: Please welcome Pastor Kyle Hayes who comes to us from Charlotte, NC.

CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance to find it.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in a form online at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Debbie & Rick Neagle in memory of Virginia Neagle; and by Richard & Kay Holden in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. ***Greg Byrum, Worship & Music***

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, October 11, 2015:

Attendance: 143

Budget Report

Current Offering Received 10/11/2015
Weekly Budgeted Expenses
Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD

October 11, 2015

\$ 6,803.00
\$ 4,598.27
\$ 196,923.91
\$ 10,026.55
\$ 10,372.76

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr., Donna Bean

GREETER: Melissa Bocchino

ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER:

Need Volunteers

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

Infants: Nathan & Amanda Kelly

Toddlers: Brandy Milton

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Brandy Milton + helper

TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

USHERS: Need Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 18-24

Today, October 18: David Koehler

October 19: Kelsey Thompson

October 22: Whit Braddy

October 23: Eva Kline

Noah Rogers

October 24: Renee Carpenter



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, October 18

9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room
10:30 am The Service
4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
5:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Church Choir
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm Chamber Choir
7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Wednesday, October 21

6:45 pm **Women's Bible Study**

Saturday, October 24

4:00 pm **Trunk or Treat**





Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.
The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin	Holly Peche	Mark Reese
Brenda Dabrowski	Zac Hullander	Beverly Reynolds
Shawn De Nicholas	Chase Lineberger	Anna Spike
David Dowd	Marquerite Shive	Kevin Washle
Dot Holland		

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy	Stacy Hunsucker	Jean Peters
Harriett Ange	Dennis Jordan	Beverly Howe Poag
Paige Beaver	Steven Keating	Jim Poag
Jenny Beer	Buddy Kircus	Taylor Propst & Family
Mike Butler	Marshall Kinley	David Prouty
Father Frank Cancro	Karin Larsen	Julio Quiros
Tina Capwell	Terry Mahaffey	Anna Rudder
Clell Davis	Lynn McFarland	Megan Sigler
J. Don Devine	Al McCoy	E. Taylor & Family
Zachary Evans	Clay McCoy	Carson Thomas
Jamey Gardner	Gene McRorie	Gloria Ward
Poss Garrett	Susan Nichols	Pastor Gary Weant
Ronnie Garrison	Mark Outlaw	Olivia Wilcox
Lewis Gilbert Family	Alicia Overton	Jeff Wiles
Brian Hedrick	Ramesh Patel	

OUR SERVICEMEN



Matt Cisek	Jason Gardner	Dillon Kasmer
Leo Kasmer	Alex Norris	Jeremy Shaver



Sunday School Attendance October 11, 2015

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Nursery 1	1	1
Nursery 2	1	3
Upper Elementary	2	1
Lower Elementary	8	1
Middle School	3	2
Seekers		8
Adult Bible Class		<u>12</u>
Totals:	15	28

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MicahKearney@gmail.com

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Mandi Kline, Christian Education

Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager