

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the work must share in all good things with their teacher.

- Galatians 6:1-6

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2018

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

** Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

GATHERING

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Prelude in B Flat Minor
Phyllis Elmer, piano

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 66:1-8

Leader: Be joyful in God, all you lands sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name."

People: Come and see what God has done:
the Lord is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through
the river on foot. There we rejoice in him,
who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep
watch on the nations - let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
All: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

***HYMN #139**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

INVITATION TO REPENTENT PRAYERS

Celebrating a

Birthdays

THIS WEEK

September 19 Anna Van Slyke
September 19 Paul Archibald
September 19 Gene McCandless
September 21 Don Klug
September 22 John Borger
September 22 Caitlin Archibald

IN NEED
OF PRAYER

Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, Jesyca Murphy, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord who does not let us go, you hold us with a kind embrace. Yet often we trade love for hate. In anguish we cry out to you. Hear us now; hear our prayers. O Lord, come fill us with your peace and instill a sense of love divine. Give us the balm that soothes our souls; forgive us as we forgive. Lead us to live anew. Amen

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!.

***RESPONSE - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #700**

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say,
I am strong in the strength of the Lord!*

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 6:1-6 (New Testament, page 191 in pew Bibles)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shall We Gather At the River
Rev. Casey Carbone

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Casey Carbone
(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.
As children depart for Sunday School, we sing “*Jesus Loves Me*” Hymn #185, verse 1)

ANTHEM

On Eagle’s Wings arr. Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir; Clancy Cox, directing; Phyllis Elmer, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Kings 5: Selected Verses (Old Testament, page 336 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Shall We Gather At The River”
Rev. Casey Carbone

***HYMN #479**

Softly and Tenderly THOMPSON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

(If you would like to give via Venmo, information can be found on the back cover of the bulletin.)

OFFERTORY

Psalm XXIII Paul Creston
Nancy Boynton, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

***DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***HYMN #143**

This Is My Father’s World TERRA BEATA

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

You Are My King Foote/Larson
Phyllis Elmer, piano