

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Carl Bingle, organ

André Campra

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Beloved Hymns by American Composers

Carl Bingle, organ

*Better is a dry morsel with quiet
than a house full of feasting with strife.
A slave who deals wisely will rule over a child who acts shamefully,
and will share the inheritance as one of the family.
The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold,
but the Lord tests the heart.
An evildoer listens to wicked lips;
and a liar gives heed to a mischievous tongue.
Those who mock the poor insult their Maker;
those who are glad at calamity will not go unpunished.
Grandchildren are the crown of the aged,
and the glory of children is their parents.
Fine speech is not becoming to a fool;
still less is false speech to a ruler.*

~ Proverbs 17:1-7



THIS WEEK

September 3 Polly Blank
September 4 Jonathan White, Jr.
September 5 Jordan Garry
September 5 Jauri Jantzi



IN NEED OF PRAYER

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

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office, 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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

All Glory, Laud and Honor (hymn 300)
When Morning Gilds the Skies (hymn 215)
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (hymn 730)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Michael Burkhardt
Anna Laura Page
Jason Payne

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Variation on "Simple Gifts"

Known as the Shaker hymn, this tune is beloved by this congregation as *Lord of the Dance*, an allegory of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Aaron Copland immortalized it in his *Appalachian Suite*.

Carl Bingle, organ

James Pethel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those in power plot and plan;
they scheme and conspire.
Those above others stand against,
as do those without limit;
they stand against the Lord.
Any measure of compassion
is like a shackle to them.

People: **Heaven is amused with the pride
of those who make much of nothing.
The power of God will be revealed,
and the one who was filled with pride
will be filled with fear when God speaks.**

*HYMN #300

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, forgive our moments of pride.
When we demanded a path instead of walking with others, forgive us.
When we shouted our beliefs instead of listening for the silence, forgive us.
When we justified hate and greed and ill will, forgive us.
Let your forgiveness become our way unto life;
may your mercy become our strength.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

*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 READING

Proverbs 17:1-7 (Old Testament, page 599 in pew Bibles)

CHILDREN’S TIME

(Sunday School will not meet during July and August, but will resume in September.)
Children will return to their seats as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*.)

Hymn #185, verse 1

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

SECOND READING

Mark 8:11-21 (New Testament, page 43 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“The Perils of Power”
Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #683

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

DOMINUS REGIT ME

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles’ Creed

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 Ghost, 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Contemplation

Robert Thygerson

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*(Today’s communion is by intinction. Please come forward, starting at the front,
tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Those unable to come forward
may be served in their pews.)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

We have broken the bread and poured the wine.

Let the bread sustain us in our life.

Let the cup restore the joy of living.

SENDING

*HYMN #635

In the Garden

GARDEN