

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
July 30, 2017  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,  
**Make known his deeds among the peoples.**  
Remember the wonderful works God has done.  
**Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

\* HYMN "Seek Ye First" 333

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow where Christ leads. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in our plans; we grumble when your priorities do not match our own. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires get in the way. Deliver us from self-deception. Grant us eyes of faith to see where your path leads.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

\* HYMN "Live Into Hope" 332

SECOND READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON "The Hearts Of Those Who Seek" Rev. Janell Blair

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\* HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!" 145

POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand*

**Welcome:** To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**Announcements:** Janell will be on vacation for a few days this week. She will be in Fort Worth from Tuesday thru Friday, but will be reachable by phone.

Mark your calendars now! Sunday, October 1 will be the date we celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation!

Session will meet on August 13, 2017, after worship in order to finalize plans for our anniversary celebration.

**Birthdays:** August: 3 – Alexandra Nicholas.

**Anniversaries:** No anniversaries this week.

**Flowers:** Larry and Nena Larson, purchased flowers this week in honor of their anniversary.

**Refreshments:** Don Thompson, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

**Newsletter:** Deadline to submit articles and information for September newsletter is **August 21, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

**Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492**

**Pianist: Marilyn Pearce**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor      Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing  
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule      **Session** – Session meeting – August 13, 2017  
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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