

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
July 9, 2017  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP

**We hear the voice of one who calls to us to come and find rest.**

We come burdened with much, but will heed the voice of Jesus.

**We have much to learn from him, and he will give us all that we need.**

May we be made ready to receive the yoke of Christ, and empowered to live in it.

\* HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" 306

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape our children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Romans 7:15-25

\* HYMN "O Jesus I Have Promised" 389

SECOND READING Matthew 11:16-19;25-30

SERMON "My Yoke Is Easy" David Kemp

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.**

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\* HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" 339

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:** We will begin a new series of monthly Brown Bag Lunches with First United Methodist and Wesley United Methodist churches. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Rev. Blair will lead the devotional.

Elder David Kemp, will be our pulpit supply today. Please thank him for his presence and his faithfulness to Christ's Church.

Session will meet on July 23, 2017.

**Birthdays:** July 15 – John Edgington.

**Anniversaries:** No anniversaries this week.

**Flowers:** Julia Kasch purchased flowers this week in honor of Katey Kasch's birthday.

**Refreshments:** \_\_\_\_\_, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

**Newsletter:** Deadline to submit articles and information for August newsletter is **July 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 – July 23, 2017  
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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