

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
June 25, 2017  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 86)

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you.**

Save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God, be gracious to me;

**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love**

**to all who call on you.**

\* FAVORITE HYMN "How Great Thou Art" 467

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, you spread your table before us and invite us to dine. We judge some to be unworthy to join your feast. You call us to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We close the doors of your household to those we deem unfit to enter. Yet you desire mercy as our response to your grace. We expect others to be thankful that we accept them at all. Forgive our arrogance in response to your love. Make us mindful of those whom you also hold dear, for we pray in Christ our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Genesis 21:8-21

\* FAVORITE HYMN "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" 403

SECOND READING Romans 6:1-11

SERMON "Alive to God!" Rev. Janell Blair

\*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

\* FAVORITE HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" 562

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.

Janell will be gone this week for study leave. Next Sunday Elder Bill Quarles, will be filling our pulpit. Please be on hand to welcome him and enjoy his message. Janell will return from study leave on July 3 and will be available to visit as needed, but she leaves again that Friday, July 7 to be a leader of the annual Synod Youth Workshop in Tulsa until July 15. Sunday, July 9 Elder David Kemp, will be our pulpit supply. Please thank him for his presence and his faithfulness to Christ's Church.

After worship today there will be a brief called session meeting.

**Birthdays:** June 25 – C.J. Nelson, 20 – Toni Pool.

**Anniversaries:** July 1 – Paul and Sandra White.

**Flowers:** No flowers were purchased this week.

**Refreshments:** Julia Kasch, 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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