

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 3, 2017
22nd 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.

Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all his wonderful works.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek God's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done!

* HYMN "The God Of Abraham Praise" 488

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from

neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We

condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace,

help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through

Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-15

* HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" 525

SECOND READING Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON "What Will They Give In Return?" Rev. Janell Blair

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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. 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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" 172

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

Office Closed Monday, September 4, 2017, in honor of Labor Day.

This Tuesday, September 5th, we will meet at St. Andrew's Methodist Church for our Brown Bag Luncheon. Join this entertaining group!

Birthdays: No birthdays this week.

Anniversaries: No anniversaries this week.

Flowers: No flowers were purchased flowers this week.

Refreshments: Ethel Marsh, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: Deadline to submit articles and information for October newsletter is **September 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 – TBA
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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