

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.*

**PRELUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 J. S. Bach  
*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*  
*(from the Leipzig Chorales)*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted, Psalm 98

Leader: O Sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.**  
Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.  
**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.**  
Leader: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD.  
**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

**\*HYMN NO. 464** (blue hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
Gracious and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 24

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Ibbie Muntz

Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Owen Casey Pierce

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 1:3-14

**SERMON**

"The Grand Improvisation of God"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 298** (blue hymnal) There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*In Babilone*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**ELDER INSTALLATION**

Hap McSween

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Jim and Mary Boyd

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ...** The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

*If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** When in Our Music God Is Glorified

C. V. Stanford

ed. Russell Schulz-Widmar

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found A new dimension in the world of sound, As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song, In faith and love, through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night When utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Fred Pratt Green

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 435** (blue hymnal) We All Are One in Mission

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

**\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Nun lob mein Seel den Herren (IVb), Verse 1

Dieterich Buxtehude

*Praise the Lord, O My Soul*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Ellen Anderson and John Salsbery

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JULY:** Judy Jordan and Sue Byerly

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** John and Beth Chang

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Angela Grobe, Maggie Gordon

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Choir

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Paula and John Smartt

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

**USHERS:** Sue Caradine, Andrew Gordon, Kristi Gordon, Mary Lou Crow, Jan Gross

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Paula Hogan in honor of her dad, John Hogan and his courageous battle with lung cancer.

**PLEASE FILL OUT A NAME TAG IN THE NARTHEX TODAY.** As we enjoy our lemonade fellowship after worship, be sure to greet someone you don't already know!

**OUR THANKS** to Cindy Serbin for serving as organist and choir director this morning while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

**CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD** was a most important figure in the British choral scene from the 1870s until his death in 1924 and is considered one of the leaders of the musical renaissance in England. We know him best as a prolific composer of Anglican church music and choral services as well as an influential teacher of many of England's finest twentieth-century choral composers.

**SUMMER LECTIONARY MEDITATION:** To enhance your experience of worship this summer, we are offering a meditative session before each service. No advance preparation is needed, and all ages are welcome. We will read each of the day's scripture passages three times, with a period of silent meditation following each reading. After silent meditation, participants are welcome to speak or not speak, discuss or not discuss, as the Spirit leads. This practice of "lectio divina" takes us deep into God's word and enables more active appreciation of the worship service to come. We'll meet in the McKinnon Room at 9:20 a.m. and end at 9:50 a.m. Join us whenever you can.

**THE FAMILY PROMISE TEAM** is having a fundraiser today in the Schilling Gallery immediately following the 10:00 service. We are offering delicious Chocolate and Strawberry Trifle that will be the perfect addition to your lunch. Stop by and take one of these home.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

**THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at PF Chang's on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kathy Shilling by Wednesday at noon.

**WESTMINSTER HABITAT BLITZ APPROACHING**

We will soon start another Habitat house build. Blitz day is August 4<sup>th</sup> and will be divided into morning and afternoon shifts. See the sheets in the Schilling gallery to sign up or for more information. There will be additional work days over the following 6 weeks. If you want to sign up by email contact Jay Schmid. All workers need to sign a Habitat release form before entering the work site and these are available in the office. This is a great project for a very worthwhile cause.

**A CONCERT OF CELTIC MUSIC** is coming to West Emory Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to enjoy an evening with Nashville-based singer/songwriter Ric Blair and fiddler Rebecca Baumbach of the group, The Celts. A suggested donation of \$10 will be received, with all proceeds over costs going to Living Waters for the World.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Camping at Cove Lake State Park – Friday, August 3 - Sunday, August 5**

Join us for a weekend of fellowship and fun! The campground borders a large lake and offers an Olympic sized pool, three playgrounds, horseshoes, a restaurant and a scenic 3 mile trail around the lake. We have reserved a picnic shelter close to the campground for Friday if you would like to make it a day trip and bring something to throw on the grill. If you plan on attending or have questions, email Bill Wiesehuegel.

**Westminster Night at the Smokies – Friday, August 10**

Come and enjoy the Smokies baseball game with a group of your Westminster friends. The game starts at 7:15 p.m. and is followed by fireworks. Please send \$8 per ticket to the church office no later than **August 5<sup>th</sup>**. You won't want to miss it.