

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 13, 2017

Welcome! If you are a guest, we are pleased to have you and invite you to participate fully in the service. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship; a nursery is provided for infants through 2-year olds. Restless children may be taken briefly to the library (across the hall from the rear sanctuary door).

****Attention Parents: To conform with our Safe Sanctuaries Policy, we ask that you accompany your children if they have to leave the Sanctuary for any reason. At the 11:00 service, children will be dismissed for Children’s Church following the Children’s Sermon.**

We have an assisted listening system. It is easy to use and of great value to those that need some help in hearing the worship service. Please see an usher for instructions and to get a receiver.

The front 5 rows on both sides of the sanctuary are designated as fragrance-free areas. This helps create a safe space for people with medical conditions that are triggered by perfumed products. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

<p>“TFWS” are the black hymn books located behind the red hymnals.</p>

*** Where indicated, stand if you are able**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Song Sheets* “One Thing Remains”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As announcements are being made, please sign and pass the attendance pad. If you are a guest, your name, address, and telephone number would be most helpful to us.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus call us.

People: **We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus’ call.**

Leader: Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

People: Lord, help us hear your voice.

Leader: Come, place your trust in Jesus.

People: Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. AMEN.

* HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 2212 (TFWS) “My Life Flows On”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves you call to us to place our trust in you. That’s not so easy for us. We are so used to getting lots of reassurances and written guarantees of safety. But still you call to us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Don’t be afraid. Jesus is with you at all times. You are healed, forgiven and loved. Come and live in the love of the Lord. AMEN.

ANTHEM (11:00) “Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andrea McCumber

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal No. 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kathryn Morgan (8:30); Vicky Matthews (11:00)

OFFERTORY

“Voice of Truth”

* DOXOLOGY

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 474 “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Andrea McCumber

Following this time after the 11:00 service, children ages 3-6 may follow their leaders to Children’s Church.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:22-33 (Pew Bible Page NT 16)

SERMON

“Precious Lord, Take my Hand”

Gerald Davis

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 887

* HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 512 “Stand by Me”

As we sing, you are invited to come to the altar rail for prayer and/or dedication.

LIGHT TAKEN FORTH TO THE WORLD

Acolyte

BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE

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Our service of worship has ended. Now our worship through service begins.

It is the desire of the ministers to call on members who are in the hospital or ill at home. Members and friends of Groce Church, knowing of such cases, are requested to call the church office (298-7647), or to notify one of the pastors.

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by **Jan D'Amico** in loving memory of her father, **Al D'Amico**.

Our volunteers this week, sharing the work of the church: **Ushers:** (8:30) Phil Kromer & Kathryn Morgan; (11:00) Stan Boyd, Sherie Stuecher, Paul Sexton, Nathan Fullbright; **Acolyte:** (11:00) Violet Ledford; **Children's Church:** Jackie Davis; **11:00 Offering Steward:** Betty Jones; **Coffee Fellowship:** United Methodist Men; **Visitation Team:** Geri & Jim Ingram; **Altar Guild:** Debbie Bailey & Liz Ream; **Narthex Decorated By:** Judy Pless

We appreciate the Norris/Hunter family, along with Asheville Habitat Executive Director, Andy Barnett, for joining us today (at the 11am service) and telling us their story. If you would like to take part in the building of the 26th Presbyterian/Methodist Habitat Home, check the schedule on the bulletin board opposite the front office. Also, if you haven't picked up a bank and calendar for our Habitat fundraiser, they are located on the cabinet in the front hallway. This is fun for the whole family and a good way to help provide for this family. **Banks will be collected on Sunday, September 3rd.**

Casual Dress Sundays for Worship continues in August!

Next Sunday we will be receiving donations for ABCCM. They are in need of peanut butter, hot/cold cereals, self-rising cornmeal, vegetable oil, powdered milk and jelly. Baskets are located in the front hall and in Asbury Lobby. Bring these items as a part of your offering to God and service to others.

**** We need volunteers to drive the church van in the afternoon for the 6pm pick up of the Room in the Inn women.** If you can help, please refer to the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board opposite the front office.

Throughout the summer and during Vacation Bible School, we have been collecting change to benefit Operation Kid-to-Kid, this year's VBS mission. Our gift will help children in remote villages of Peru have access to safe, clean drinking water. If you'd like to make a donation, you can put cash in an envelope, or give a check made out to Groce UMC with "VBS mission" written on the notation line.

Come join us for Choir! It's a brand new season, and we welcome new members!

Practice days and times for both choirs are: **Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, at 5:30pm**
and Handbell Choir, Tuesdays, at 5:30pm.

Sarah Circle will have a Salad Supper on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30pm at Judy Pless' home. This will be their August meeting.

Save the Date: Epworth Apartment Dedication Celebration on Sunday, August 27, at 2:30pm.

CALENDAR: August 6 - 12

Room in the Inn: Begins today in the pm through next Sunday am

Sunday, August 13.....

8:30 & 11:00AM Worship–Sanctuary
9:30AM Coffee Fellowship–Asbury Lobby
9:45AM Sunday School

Monday, August 14.....

- No events planned -

Tuesday, August 15.....

5:30PM **Handbell Choir Begins Again–Bells Room**
6:00PM **Miriam Circle–Asbury Lobby**
7:00PM NA Meeting– Charter Hall

Wednesday, August 16.....

5:30PM **Chancel Choir– Choir Room**

Thursday, August 17.....

10:00AM Prayer Group–Library
5:00PM **Welcome Table–Asbury Hall**
6:30PM Nifty Knitters Group– Asbury Hall

Friday, August 18.....

2:00PM Parkway Pickers Group–Young Adults Classroom
3-6:00PM Tailgate Market–Front Parking Lot
7:00PM ALANON Meeting–Epworth Building

Saturday, August 19.....

8:30AM-Noon **Handbell Workshop– Sanctuary**