

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 8, 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* “Blessed Be Your Name”

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: Good Morning, friends. Welcome to a celebration of God’s love.

People: **Thank you. We are glad to be here this morning.**

Leader: Today we will hear the good news of God.

People: In this world in which the news is mostly bad, we look forward to hearing God's good news for us.

Leader: Prepare your spirits. Quiet your souls. God is ready for you.

People: AMEN.

* HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 546 "The Church's One Foundation"

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, your word bursts forth into our lives like a glorious sunrise. You speak, and our hearts rejoice. You command, and our eyes are opened. The sound of your voice brings revival to our souls. Your words are purer than the finest gold. True and righteous one, living Word, light our way. As we listen to your Spirit, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be accepted in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00) "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"

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

Ruth Phillips (8:30); Sally Smith (11:00)

OFFERTORY

"I Have Hoped In You Lord"

Johann Christian Bach

* **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. 368 “My Hope is Built”

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 Philippians 3:4-14 (Pew Bible Page NT 198)

SERMON

“Throw It All Away”

Gerald Davis

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 888

* HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 701 “When We All Get to Heaven”

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 **Jim and Nancy Creel** in memory of those who tragically lost their lives in Las Vegas.

Our volunteers this week, sharing the work of the church: **Ushers:** (8:30) Phil Kromer and Kathryn Morgan; (11:00) Bob Clark, True Morse, Tim Towery, Marge Ottofy; **Acolyte:** (11:00) Brody Powell; **Children's Church:** Jane Morse; **11:00 Offering Steward:** True Morse; **Coffee Fellowship:** United Methodist Men; **Visitation Team:** Geri and Jim Ingram; **Altar Guild:** Jennie Ratcliff; **Narthex Decorated By:** Fran Shuler

The latest issue of the church newsletter and October calendar are available to pick up on the counter in the front office. If you have email and aren't receiving the newsletter or calendar, please call the church office, 298-7647.

Join us Today for New Member "Pizza with the Pastor" Gathering at 12pm in the Youth Center. If you are interested in becoming a member of Groce, please join us for an informal time to discuss the ministries of our church with Gerald.

Blessing of the Animals Service: This afternoon at 3pm, on the front lawn. We will express love, care, and concern for God's creations - in particular, the animals. Bring your pets - **dogs, cats, ferrets, lizards, birds, fish, and even large livestock..** All animals must be accompanied by their owners and have a restraining device.

The Fall Festival is this Saturday from 11am - 2pm. There will be all sorts of children's activities, including a bouncy castle with a slide, entertainment, the United Methodist Women's bake sale, and so much more! It will be a FUN day!

Pumpkin Patch News - Michelle Troxell, Pumpkin Patch Coordinator, would like to thank everyone who helped get the 2017 Pumpkin Patch started. In particular, thanks to the extremely hardworking group that unloaded the pumpkins last Sunday. And, of course, thanks to those manning the Patch.

From the Worship/Witness Ministry: We would like to remind everyone to wear your name tag at church on a regular basis. This will really help to get to know one another and each other's names better! If you do not have a name tag, please contact the church office to request one.

Attention Sarah and Miriam Circles: We will have a joint meeting on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30pm. We will meet in the Epworth Building classroom (3rd door down) next to the Children's Sunday School classroom. Our guest will be Dr. Ann Melton, who is a retired public school superintendent and author of 16 books, two of which are "I Will Lift up my Eyes - the Power of Praise and Prayer" and "From Whence Cometh my Help - a Journey through Grief." Please join us for this exciting program and great time of fellowship.

Trunk or Treat - Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8pm. Bring your car/truck decorated (for ideas, google "trunk or treat") for a fun evening! **Or you could bring your car early to the church and the youth (with Andrea's supervision!) will decorate it.** We would love to have 10-15 cars to make a special family event for members and the community. **Please contact the office as soon as possible to let us know if you will be participating.**

**** We are asking for LOTS of donations of wrapped candy to give out. You can leave your candy in the plastic bin by the front office.**

Beginning Sunday, October 22nd, we will start our stewardship journey, "Extravagant Generosity." During our journey together, we will discover how giving helps us become what God wants us to be. In addition to our worship services, there is an opportunity to focus on our theme with a small group study during the Sunday School hour. If you would be interested in joining the small group study, contact the church office. Our "Response Sunday" will be November 12th followed by a Celebration Lunch in Asbury Hall.

Operation Christmas Child - We have pre-wrapped empty boxes available for you to put all your special gifts. They are located in a big box by the front office, and include a brochure which has suggestions for gifts and a label. Filled boxes need to be dropped off (there's another box in the hall for this) **by Monday, November 13.**

Calling all Dancers! Children between 5-12 are invited to participate in a dance piece for the Christmas Madrigal Dinner. It will be choreographed and led by our own resident professional dancer, Margaret Kuhn. The Madrigal Dinner will be December 2 at 6 pm, and December 3 at 5 pm. Please contact Frankie Weinberger.

Christmas Madrigal Music Rehearsals

Singers for the Christmas Madrigal Dinner will be rehearsing in October and November as follows: Wed, October 11 from 6 - 8 pm; Wednesdays October 18 - November 15 from 6-7 pm. Rehearsals will take place in the choir room. Many of the songs are well-known Christmas carols in 4 parts, along with some lesser known carols and songs. It should be a joyful musical journey! If you'd like to participate and/or have questions, call Frankie.

CALENDAR: October 8-14

Pumpkin Patch Hours: Monday-Saturday: 10am - 7pm; Sunday: 12:30 - 7pm

Sunday, October 8.....

- 8:30 & 11:00AM Worship–Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Coffee Fellowship–Asbury Lobby
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 12:00PM Pizza w/ Pastor (for potential new members)**
- 3:00PM Blessing of the Animals**
- 5 - 7:00PM UMYF–Asbury Hall
- 7:00PM Lay Leadership Meeting**

Monday, October 9.....

- 6:30PM Course in Miracles–Pink Room

Tuesday, October 10.....

- 10:00PM Linus Crafters– Asbury Lobby**
- 5:30PM Ringing God’s Praise–Handbell Room
- 7:00PM SMBB Rehearsal–Asbury Hall
- 7:00PM NA Meeting–Charter Hall

Wednesday, October 11

- 12:00PM Retired Teachers Luncheon–Asbury Hall
- 4:00PM UM Men Cook & Serve at Vets Quarters**
- 5:30PM Chancel Choir–Choir Room
- 6:00PM AA Meeting–Epworth Building

Thursday, October 12.....

- 10:00AM Prayer Group–Library
- 5:00PM Welcome Table–Asbury Hall
- 6:30PM Cub Scouts–Charter Hall
- 6:15PM Finance Committee Meeting–Blue Room
- 6:30PM Nifty Knitters Group– Asbury Hall
- 7:00PM Church Council–Blue Room

Friday, October 13..... 7:00PM: ALANON Meeting–Epworth Building

Saturday, October 14.....

- 9:00AM Daisy Troop Meeting–Charter Hall
- 11:00AM - 2:00PM Fall Festival & UMW Bake Sale**