

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

*As you open your mind and your heart to God's presence in our midst, we invite you to prepare for today's service as you listen to the prelude, which marks the beginning of worship.*

Lighting of the Candles

\*Congregational Introit *Morning Has Broken (verse one)* # 469

Call to Worship Congregation (**Bold**)

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

**We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!**

Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

**Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.**

**The love of God lasts forever!**

Greetings & Announcements

*Visitors: please fill out a visitor's card and place in the offering plate at offering.*

Passing of the Peace

\* Hymn of Praise *The Church's One Foundation* # 442

Prayer of Confession Congregation (**Bold**)

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.

**We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly.**

We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted.

**We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.**

Have mercy upon us, we pray.

**Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will.**

**Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of New Beginnings

Sharing Faith with the Children

(Children ages 3-9 may go to Children's Church)

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Preparation *Seek Ye First* STF # 2145

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 51:1-6 Congregation

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *God will make a way* Hso and Teresa Wah

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 16: 13-20 # 17

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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Sermon Pastor David Fuentes

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Congregation

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri Congregation # 579

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. Amen.

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of God's People

(“Notes” section can be found in the bulletin before the “Prayer Concerns” section)

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offerings of the People

Offertory *Chason* Solo Teresa Wah

\*Doxology # 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Closing Hymn                      *Take my life*                      # 391
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Benediction                *Three-Fold Amen*                # 586

Postlude

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**Question for Reflection**

In Romans 12:1-8, Paul urges us not to be conformed to the world's standards, but to be transformed and renewed by God's will. Is there an area of your life that is in need of transformation and renewal? Reflect and pray this week, asking God to show what God wills for you in this area of your life. Paul goes on to name a variety of gifts that members of the church have been given, all of which contribute to the overall functioning of the body (the church). Is there a gift in that list which you possess? Which one? How are you making use of that gift among God's people? Is there someone in your church or in your life who shares a particular gift of the Spirit faithfully? This week, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that person and for any others who use their gifts to enhance your life or the life of your worshiping community.

**Morning Prayer:**

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this new day. You have blessed me in so many ways in days that have come before. Today I will look and listen for signs of your joy and gladness present in my life, in the lives of others, and in the beautiful world you garden. As I begin this day, I pray that you will strengthen my soul and that whatever your purpose for me will be fulfilled in faithfulness and love.

In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:**

God of my salvation, preserve anyone in danger this night; reach out to anyone who is in trouble. Give us the quiet rest that comes from knowing you are above everything, watching over us with steadfast love. I pray that today, in some word I spoke, in some act of care I offered, Christ was lifted up as Lord and Savior. Continue to transform me so that I may discern what you find good and acceptable and perfect. Help me to dream always your own vision of a world in full bloom, verdant with joy and gladness, teeming with thanksgiving and

justice. At the close of this day, I entrust myself, and all those I love, to your care and keeping. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**Week of August 27**

- Elder of the Week                      Beth Doran
- Liturgist                                      Jim Slaughter
- Ushers                                        Peggy Cuddington
- Beth Doran
- Lynn Lamont
- Whit Morgan
- Acolyte                                        Teresa Wah

**\*We are looking for people to sign up for the ministry teams that we are forming in the fall. The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

- Sunday**                      10:30 am                      Nursery/Children's Church
- 10:30 am                      Worship
- Tuesday**                      7:00 pm                      Karate
- Thursday**                      9:30 am                      Nifty Knitters

**UPCOMING CALENDAR**

- First Day of School**                      August, 28
- ECU Faith and Family Day**              September, 2
- Adult Sunday School**                      September, 3
- Session Fall Retreat**                      September, 9
- Rally Day**                                      September, 10
- Children/Youth Sunday School**              September, 10

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**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

**10:30 A.M.**

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