

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2017

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Laudation
The Gift of Love
Hymn to Joy

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Gilbert Martin
Janet Linker
Albert Travis

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Psalm 23: "Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox
Follow the text in pew Bible, page 501, and you'll hear Bach's perfect musical painting of our favorite Psalm. Listen for the change to minor mode as we "walk the valley of the shadow of death."

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 17

Leader: Incline your ear to hear my desire. Gather close to my cause;
for my prayers seek justice and my lips are free of lies.

**People: From your word and light the answer to my prayer is found,
the right path is clear to me.**

If you search my desires, even looking through my dreams,
you will find my heart is good. You will find my desire is right.
I have laid aside wrong desires and filled my heart with goodness.

**I can see the wrong path as well; I can see the way desire goes
wrong. Cautiously I pass by destruction and stay far from
violence and rage.**

My path is beginning to show wear; I have kept to the way each day,
so the ground is now smooth and the rough places made even.

**Each day I call out to you and I wait for your answer;
each day it comes anew and I can hear your spirit.**



*Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda
Barbour, and for the sick and those who need
God's comfort.*

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church
office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request.
Your confidential prayer request will be put
on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those
requesting public prayers are included for
prayers in our church bulletin.



THIS WEEK

August 20 Zach Whitenack
August 22 Sue Peters
August 22 Ed Wardwell
August 24 Joan Olsen

MY TAKE AWAY THOUGHTS AND NOTES

***HYMN (see insert)**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer. We believe in your Son. We believe in his resurrection. We believe his death has rescued us from death. We believe, but we so often fail to live what we believe. Jesus is alive, but we do not seek him in the heart of those we meet. Jesus has conquered death yet we fight over scraps for survival. Jesus says, this is my body broken for you, and we do not do likewise; this is my cup, he says, do likewise, and we cling tightly to our joy. Let us live what we believe. Forgive us when our lives are our own and not given away. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, you also are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI - Hymnal #813**

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.

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5 (Old Testament, page 685 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Grieco Sisters

Twila Paris

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

(Sunday School will not meet during July and August, but will resume on September 10th.)

ANTHEM

It is Well With My Soul

Grieco Sisters

Spafford/Bliss

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8 (New Testament, page 34 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Muddy Water”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #597**

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

My Lord and I

Grieco Sisters

Bill Gaither

***DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

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 THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***HYMN #358**

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso/"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Handel, Ellor, arr. Candill