



THIS WEEK

- October 2 Bill Taylor
- October 2 Patti Bailey
- October 2 Michele Elmer
- October 3 Sarah Hayes
- October 5 Ann Sudduth
- October 7 John Johnson, Jr.
- October 7 Linda Thompson
- October 8 Kim Collins
- October 8 Placid Anye Tange



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.

After worship today - join us in the Fellowship Hall to "build your own sandwich" and enjoy a presentation of Mexico Mission Trip and Building Blocks Project in Dexter.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2016

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

- Come, Thou Almighty King*
- Morning Has Broken*
- The God of Abraham Praise*

- Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
arr. Albert Travis
- Arthur Frackenhohl
arr. Gordon Young

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Concerto VI: Moderato

G. F. Handel

Trillium String Trio:

Agnes McCarthy, violin; Stephanie Widrick, violin; Christine Prevost, cello
Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 137

Leader: The waters of Babylon are bitter;
They do not ease the pain of sadness.
On the trees we hung our harps;
Their sweetness is salt to our wounds.

People: **Tormentors goad and demand mirth;**
Loss is heavy with the taunts of victors.
Yet, their darkness does not cover Zion.
In my mind I can see the city on the hill.
I remember the joy of God's presence;
I know the sound of peace even in hell.
The echoes of destruction still reach me,
But the balance of justice will yet abide.
The wrathful one will find vengeance.
Yet, it comes to their own heart.
The merciful one will be redeemed.
For they are the beloved child of God.

***HYMN #8**

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive our stubborn hearts. Forgive the hardness crushing the poor. Take from us the greed that demands we be given more when others have so much less; forgive the refusal to lend when have no need; forgive the avarice that consumes your creation without thanks or respect. Give us a new heart that lifts the poor. Offer to us a compassion that refuses more than is needed. Let our soul be filled with generosity and graciousness. Let our days under the sun be a blessing to all. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ you are freed from sin and forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are given the strength of the Lord.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Hymnal #700**

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say, I am strong in the strength of the Lord!

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (New Testament, page 616 (in pew Bibles))

CHILDREN'S TIME

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

Hymn #188, verse 1

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 8:4-15 (New Testament, page 67 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Recycled Souls - Amending the Earth”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #655 (3 times)**

Sanctuary

SANCTUARY

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Hiding in the Shadow (Send the Rain)

Heather Sorenson

FPC Chancel Choir, Sara Gleason, Director; Phyllis Elmer, piano;

Carl Bingle, organ; Trillium String Trio

DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #814

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“Holy Is the Lord” Hymnal #75

Pastoral Prayer

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

We have broken the bread and poured the wine.

Let the bread sustain us in our life.

Let the cup restore the joy of living.

SENDING

***HYMN #11**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

G. F. Handel

Trillium String Trio and Carl Bingle, organ

Communion Voluntary

Adagio, from Fantasie in C

Rock of Ages

Carl Bingle, organ

César Franck

arr. Thompson