

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
Congregational Response (responsive)  
We are washed in the waters of God's grace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Peace (responsive)  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
arr. Kathleen Wissinger

✦ Doxology (sung)  
**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

#### HEARING THE WORD

#### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 223 (vs. 1)  
Children's Anthem *Holy, Holy, Holy* Argentine Hymn  
Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 223 (vs. 4)

1st SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:4b-14 NT (p. 187)

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:33-24 NT (p. 22)

SERMON *Vineyards and Prizes* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the  
implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 453 *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common  
hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison)

from the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We  
believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to  
reconcile and make new, who works in us and  
others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are  
called to be the Church: to celebrate God's  
presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love**

**and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to  
proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and  
our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to  
God. Amen.**

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria*  
**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦ HYMN 846 *Fight the Good Fight*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Faint Not Nor Fear* John Gardner

BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are  
encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of  
Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you  
in fashioning some final prayers.]

*Praeludium in D Major* Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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*\*If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please  
turn it off before worship begins. \**

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*All are invited to attend Coffee & Lemonade Fellowship in Brady  
Chapel.*

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*Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices  
& large print bulletins*

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#### Music Notes:

Handbell Music: The **prelude** is an arrangement of the well-known first  
prelude from J. S. Bach's (1685-1750) *Well-Tempered Clavier*. The **anthem** is  
an arrangement in jazz style by the noted handbell musician/composer,  
Kathleen Wissinger, of the familiar hymn melody "Lobe den Herren," which  
we sing to the text "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (see Hymn 35).

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** was composed in 1973 by Sister  
Marianne Missetich, who has enjoyed a long career working in worship and  
song. The text:

*We give thanks unto you, O God of might, for your love is never ending;  
We give thanks unto you, the God of gods, for your love is never ending.  
Sing to the Lord/Walk with the Lord/Shout to the Lord: Alleluia!  
Sing/Walk/Shout to the coastland/mountain: Alleluia!  
Amen, Amen, Alleluia!*

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The **anthem** at children's time is a widely known Argentine hymn, sung in  
English and Spanish. The English text:  
*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord.*

The closing **choral response**, by the gifted English composer and teacher, John  
Gardner (1917-2011), is the closing portion of a vibrant anthem setting of the  
text of today's closing congregational hymn (#846). The text:

*Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near,  
God changeth not, and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.*

Congregational Hymns: "**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**" is a  
rendering by the great scholar and translator, John Mason Neale (1818-1866)  
of a Latin hymn thought to date to the sixth (or eighth) century. The tune  
("Regent Square") was composed by the English musician, Henry Thomas  
Smart (1813-1879). The choir's descant is by Lois Fyfe. At the children's  
time we sing from "**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**," one of the many  
texts of the great Isaac Watts (1674-1748). The tune ("Hamburg") was  
composed by the American musician and educator, Lowell Mason (1792-  
1872), who played a major role in bringing European music into use in  
American churches. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. "**Open  
Your Ears, O Faithful People**" is one of many hymns by the Catholic priest  
and scholar, Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930). The tune ("Yisrael V'Oraita") is a  
Hassidic-style melody of unknown origin, and was first published (with this  
text) in a Lutheran hymnal in 2006. "**Fight the Good Fight**" is one of many  
hymns written by the English priest and poet, John Samuel Bewley Monsell  
(1811-1875). The tune ("Duke Street") is attributed to the English  
(Presbyterian) scholar/musician, John Hattan (d. 1793). The choir's descant is  
by William McCorkle.

Organ Music: The **postlude** is taken from one of the many glorious extended  
organ compositions of the German master musician, Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707).

## Announcements & Opportunities

**Assisting** with 11:00am worship this morning is Kelly Nye. The **beadle** for the 11:00am worship is Jamie Johnson.

The **flowers** are given in loving memory Marian Chapman Minnix by her family, in celebration of her birthday.

We are grateful to our **handbell quartet** for participating in the musical leadership of the 11:00am service: Mary Harvey Halseth, Macy Coffey, Mayumi Smitka, and Ruth Warinner Floyd.

**Oktoberfest!** On Oct. 12th, we will begin the season of Thantastic Thursday events with **OktoberFest**. Cindy Irby and Skip Hess will join forces to bring you all the Bavarian favorites including spaetzli and stroganoff and let's don't forget Skip's fabulous Black Forest Cake. The price will remain \$6/person, maximum of \$16/family, under 5 & campus students free. Sign up on The City, in the book in Murray Hall, or call 463-3873.

**Youth Auction and Cook-Off - Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:** Please consider making a donation for the Mac & Cheese Cook-off/Gifts & Talents Auction. Fill out a donation form located in the friendship pads at the end of each pew, and let us know what you're able to donate. All money raised will support another Rise Against Hunger event. Please turn entries into Sarah by **Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.



What you have to say is important! Make sure it gets in the newsletter. Deadline for November is Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kimberly with your inputs - [463-3873/kkenedy@lexpres.org](mailto:463-3873/kkenedy@lexpres.org).

**Thursday Bible study and prayer:** Bill Klein will offer a half-hour time of Bible study and prayer each Thursday at 5:00PM in Brady Chapel. It is a mid-week opportunity to be re-grounded in the grace of our Christ through the words of scripture and prayers for one another. Make plans to include this weekly time of devotion before heading home after work.

**Faith Build:** Saturday Oct. 21 & Oct. 28, 8:30 through about noon. No prior construction experience is necessary, must be at least 16 years old. There is no maximum age! Sign up with Pam Luecke at lueckep@wlu.edu or 463-7860.

**Grace Episcopal Church** will be reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation starting at 9:00am on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and ending in the 9:30am joint Worship Service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. People will read the Bible strait through, around the clock, for 72 hours. The practice of reading the Bible strait through is called **MIQRA**...a Hebrew word meaning "a holy convocation; a public reading," especially in the setting of a public reading of the Scriptures in a called assembly of the people. The continuous reading will take place in the churchyard, weather permitting, or in the chancel. If you would like to be a reader, you may be in touch with Sharon Massie at Grace Church.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (10/8)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:00 Children's Subcommittee 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Regular Worship 2:00 New Elder Training 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Lam Handbells
MON (10/9)	<i>Community Table Volunteers Day</i> 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry
TUES (10/10)	10:00 Lectio Divina 5:00 Campus Sub Committee
WEDS (10/11)	10:00 Mary Circle 4:00 Youth Sub Committee 7:00 Leah Circle
THURS (10/12)	12:00 Ruth Circle 5:00 Bible Study 5:45 Oktoberfest - Thantastic Thursday 7:30 Adult Choir
SUN (10/15)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Regular Worship 2:00 Science Fair 2:00 New Elder Training 5:00 LTT 7:00 Lam Handbells

**RARA Pantry** Item of the month (Oct): Whole Grain Cereal



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Following Time with the Children, those in Kindergarten through third grade will be excused to Enrichment. For children ages 3-12, there are folders in the foyer near the elevator with color sheets, puzzles and related worship materials, as well as children's Bibles and books.

The nursery will be available from **8:30am** (for Early Worship attendees) until **12:15pm** - after the final worship service.



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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
8 October 2017  
11:00 AM

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Prelude in C Major (WTC I)*  
J. S. Bach

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare the glory of God!

***The skies proclaim God's handiwork.***

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

***We join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!***

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Sing to the Lord*  
Sr. Marianne Missetich

### WELCOME

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
(tune: Regent Square)

### A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

***Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night an day. But we have not yielded the good fruit you expected. We are overgrown with selfishness, choked with injustice and ingratitude. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot that which is evil in us, prune away that which is sinful, and shower upon us the gift of your grace.***