

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 17, 2017 10:15 a.m.

CELEBRATION "Surely the Lord is in This Place" Colvin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Margaret Beigel

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Hope (Meditation #14)" Turner

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 15: 2-3, 11

Leader The Lord is my strength and my might,

**PEOPLE HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION;**

Leader This is my God and I will praise him,

**PEOPLE MY FATHER'S GOD AND I WILL EXALT HIM.**

Leader The Lord is a warrior;

**PEOPLE THE LORD IS HIS NAME.**

Leader Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

**PEOPLE WHO IS LIKE YOU, MAJESTIC IN HOLINESS,  
AWESOME IN SPLENDOR, DOING WONDERS.**

\*PRAISE "O Praise the Name"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 103: 8-14

Leader The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast Love.

**PEOPLE HE WILL NOT ALWAYS ACCUSE, NOR WILL HE KEEP  
HIS ANGER FOREVER.**

Leader He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**PEOPLE FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH,  
SO GREAT IS HIS STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE  
WHO FEAR HIM;**

Leader As far as the east in from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**PEOPLE AS A FATHER HAS COMPASSION FOR HIS CHILDREN,  
SO THE LORD HAS COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO  
FEAR HIM.**

Leader For he knows how we are made;

**PEOPLE HE REMEMBERS THAT WE ARE DUST.**

*Silent Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

**PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

PRAISE ANTHEM "He Reigns"

## THE WORD

FIRST READING Romans 14: 1-12

CHILDREN'S TIME Margaret Beigel

\*HYMN "Take My Life" No. 391

SECOND READING Matthew 18: 21-35

SERMON 77 Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Family of Faith" Choplin

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

## SENDING

\*PRAISE "Start a Fire"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" No. 538(v.1)

## TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*THE PEACE

Leader: May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

\*POSTLUDE "The Solid Rock" Hayes

"Leave in peace to serve our Lord and one another."

\*Please stand if able.

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WELCOME AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Jack Tuttle

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### RECEIVE THE WORD

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SECOND READING                      Matthew 18: 21-35

SERMON                      77                      Reverend Mark Gaskill

### THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Intinction*)

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is open. All who profess  
faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to the Lord's Table. The ushers will ask you  
to come forward in groups to form a semi-circle around the Communion  
Table. After taking a piece of bread, dip it in either the wine (first chalice) or  
grape juice (second chalice) and eat.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SENDING

\*BENEDICTION

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All children are welcome here, but we know that a fussy baby is much louder to a parent's ears than to any of ours. If you have need:

- We have a nursery down the main stairs and to the left. It is staffed with volunteers, who will gladly care for any little ones who show up at the beginning of the service. If there are none, the volunteers will come up to the sanctuary, the nursery room will remain available. There is also a diaper change station in the Nursery and in both downstairs restrooms.
- We have a speaker in the narthex so that you DIY soothers can listen while you walk the little ones around.

Except on communion Sundays, there is Children's church for ages 4 through grade 2. When there is Children's church, children will be dismissed after the Children's Time part of the service.

### *Worship Service Notes*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

In conjunction with Youth Group we will also be conducting a confirmation class for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. We will meet on Youth Group Sundays beginning at 5:00 PM and transitioning into the Youth Group meeting. Depending on interest and availability we will begin confirmation classes in October. If you have a youth in at least 7<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to join the church this fall, let Rev. Mark know ASAP.

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Any and all items for the October edition of the Messenger (newsletter) need to be e-mailed to the church at [gspc@comcast.net](mailto:gspc@comcast.net) by Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **FRIENDS WHO LUNCH**

The Friends Who Lunch will meet together on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, with a luncheon at Ledo's Pizza in La Plata. They will meet there at 12:00 noon. Please plan to join us for good food and great fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

### **GSPC ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR**

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – SAVE THE DATE**

In less than seven weeks GSPC will host its Annual Craft Bazaar. The Crafters have been hard at work preparing for the Bazaar, but they can use your help. This is another one of Good Samaritan's big fundraisers and it takes a lot of preparation. If you are crafty, like to sew, or maybe your passion is baking then now is the time to help if you can. Work on your own crafts at home. Handmade items that you have made are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or join the GSPC Crafters on Mondays at 10:30.

**FIRST READING**  
**ROMANS 14: 1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**SECOND READING**  
**MATTHEW 18: 21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.  
There are fellowship pads at the end of the row, please pass them, and sign them, so that you can learn the names of those who are sitting near you and so that they can know yours as well. Provide other information as desired. After the service, talk to old friends and meet some new ones.

We have snacks and coffee downstairs.

We have a platform lift for anyone who doesn't do well with stairs, see an usher for assistance.

*Please be mindful that as we prepare for worship  
we are entering sacred space and sacred time.*

*Please turn off cell phones and refrain from using other electronic media.*

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The flowers on the Retable this morning are  
in celebration of Heather Beaton's birthday.

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The rose on the communion table is to celebrate the birth Keith Takhajah, son of  
Aticham Akaragwe and Siyami Takha, grandson of Emmanuel Takha.

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**Today's Volunteers:** ***Greeters:*** Le Cress Roorda (8:00), Sally Brandt (10:15);  
***Acolyte:*** Penny Kriebel; ***Ushers:*** Ron and Lou Ann Gallegos (10:15); ***Readers:***  
Jack Tuttle (8:00), Heather Kriebel and Bill Wetmore (10:15); ***Nursery***  
***Volunteers:*** Sandy Webb and Tyler Flora; ***Children's Church:*** Jessica Lehrter  
and Heather Kriebel; ***Coffee Hour:*** Flora Families

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**TODAY**

Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.  
Angel Bells at 11:45 a.m.  
Hummingbirds at 11:45 a.m.

**THIS WEEK**

Mon. (Sept. 18): 10:30 a.m. – Crafters  
Tues. (Sept. 19): 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study  
Wed. (Sept. 20): 6:30 p.m. – Session  
Thurs. (Sept. 20): 5:30 p.m. – Celebration Ringers  
7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir  
**Friday (Sept. 22): 7:00 p.m. – Health Partner's Gala**

**COMING SOON**

Youth Group Meets on Sunday, Sept. 24 – 6-8pm  
GSPC Annual Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>



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**SESSION MEMBERS (CLASS)**

Grover Baldwin (2019)	Jack Crews (2019)
Holly Banks (2018)	Jon Friedmeyer (2018)
Margaret Beigel (2019)	John Holmes (2020)
Jill Buntz (2019)	Megan Howell (2020)
Loann Burian (2020)	Stephen Lehrter (2020)
Liz Carroll (2018)	Jack Tuttle (2018)

## ***“O Praise The Name”***

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.  
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

**O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

Then on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white,  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## ***“He Reigns!”***

It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain.  
It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain.  
The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire.  
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation, a love song born of a grateful  
choir.

**It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory!  
Hallelujah! He reigns! He reigns!  
It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory!  
Hallelujah! He reigns! He reigns!**

Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound.  
Let the praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered  
underground.  
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this:  
**(repeat chorus twice)**  
And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard,  
'Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word.  
**(repeat chorus twice)**

## ***“Start a Fire”***

This world can be cold and bitter, feels like we're in the dead of winter,  
Waitin' on something better. But am I really gonna hide forever?  
Over and over again, I hear Your voice in my head,  
Let Your light shine, let Your light shine for all to see.

### **Chorus**

**Start a fire in my soul. Fan the flame and make it grow.  
So there's no doubt or denying. Let it burn so brightly  
that everyone around can see.  
That it's You, that it's You that we need. Start a fire in me.**

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze.  
It only takes a little faith.  
Let it start right here in this city so these walls will never be the same.  
Over and over again, I hear Your voice in my head,  
They need to know. I need to go. Spirit won't you fall on my heart now.

### **(Chorus)**

*You are the fire. You are the flame.  
You are the light on the darkest day.  
We have the hope. We bear Your name.  
We carry the news that You have come to  
save..... Only You can save.....*

### **(Chorus)**