

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

October 1, 2017

10:15 a.m.

CELEBRATION *"For Thine All Surpassing Glory"*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Jill Buntz

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

*"Always Remember"*

Sewell

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25: 1-5

Leader To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**PEOPLE O MY GOD, IN YOU I TRUST; DO NOT LET ME BE PUT TO SHAME; DO NOT LET MY ENEMIES EXULT OVER ME.**

Leader Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

**PEOPLE LET THEM BE ASHAMED WHO ARE WANTONLY TREACHEROUS.**

Leader Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**PEOPLE TEACH ME YOUR PATHS.**

Leader Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

**PEOPLE FOR YOU I WAIT ALL DAY LONG.**

\*PRAISE

*"Children of God"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Philippians 2: 5-11

Leader Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

**PEOPLE HE EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A SLAVE AND BEING BORN IN HUMAN LIKENESS.**

Leader And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -

**PEOPLE EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.**

Leader Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name,

**PEOPLE SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.**

*Silent Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

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

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Edrea Elizabeth Edjang

## THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Bread and Wine, Wine and Bread"*  
Adult & Hummingbird Choirs

Carter

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

No. 592

## THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

\*HYMN

*"Take My Life"*

No. 391

SECOND READING

Matthew 21: 23-32

SERMON

*Dilemma*

Reverend Mark Gaskill

## THE RESPONSE

\*SONG OF PREPARATION

*"O Come to the Altar"*

(Those who wish to get their children from the nursery so that they may receive a blessing during Communion may do so during the Song of Preparation.)

THE SACRAMENT

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is open. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to the Lord's Table. After taking a piece of bread, dip it in either the wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice) and eat.

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SENDING

\*CLOSING PRAISE

*"Grace Like Rain"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

No.276(v.1)

## TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\* THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

\*POSTLUDE

*"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

arr. Osman

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

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\*HYMN

*"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*

No. 510

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Matthew 21: 23-32

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### 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

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

\*Please stand if able.

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**

### **NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

An adult Sunday school class starts today, that will cover ten of the qualities or virtues, also known as "fruits of the spirit", that lead us on the path to achieving real wisdom, i.e. to life and godliness; and to participation in the divine nature. Attend and be both challenged and also become an encourager to others in the class to understand, imitate and experience in greater measure the image of God in us.

### **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.

### **CARE PACKAGES**

October we will be maintaining our connection with those away at college or in the military through our Care Packages. Any lightweight snacks, surprises and especially personalized notes are most welcomed by our young people and truly make them and their friends feel GSPC's and God's love. Boxes are available for your contributions in the narthex. If you would like to make a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the postage, there is a sign-up sheet and envelope for any donations in the narthex.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group will meet October 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meetings are from 6-8 p.m., and dinner will be provided.

### **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 class on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **GSPC ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR**

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

In less than five 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**  
**EZEKIEL 18: 1-4, 25-32**

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

**SECOND READING**  
**MATTHEW 21: 23-32**

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 given in celebration of June Baldwin's birthday, by her husband, Grover.

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**Today's Volunteers:** *Greeters:* Kriebel Family (10:15); *Acolyte:* Tony Banks; *Ushers:* Herb Reigel and Bill Koennel (10:15); *Readers:* Jack Tuttle (8:00), Charlie and Jean Robinson (10:15); *Nursery Volunteers:* Rose Flora and Brandon Luton; *Coffee Hour:* Edjang Family  
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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. (Oct. 2): 10:30 a.m. – Crafters  
Tues. (Oct. 3): 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study  
Thurs. (Oct. 5): 5:30 p.m. – Celebration Ringers  
7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir

### COMING SOON

Harvest Potluck on Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
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)

## “Grace Like Rain”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see so clearly.

### Chorus

**Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me.**  
**Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away.**  
**They're washed away.**

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing your praise  
than when we first begun.

## For Thine All-Surpassing Glory

Eric A. Graef

$\text{♩} = 78$



1. In Thy Word a - lone is for me — un - told rich - es  
2. Grace a - lone saw our con - di - tion — rest - less sin - ners  
3. True re - pen - tance Thou has grant - ed — Saints no long - er  
4. Ob - ject of all high - est mea - sure — once for - sak - en  
5. For Thine all sur - pass - ing glo - ry — all has come to



of Thy — Love and the great - est trea - sure — from Thee  
re - con - - - ciled not by might — nor fond — am - bi - tion.  
stand con - - - demned Faith to stand — be - fore — Thee — right - eous  
and de - spised — Now Thy wrath — and Thy — good — plea - sure  
pass in — time And from Thine — e - ter - nal — sto - ry —



— comes through Je - sus' pre - cious blood.  
— Grace has met what Thou re - quired!  
— free - ly giv - en to de - fend.  
— Christ a - lone has sat - is - fied!  
— ma - king all things praise Di - vine!

## ***“Children of God”***

Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our God and our King to Him we will sing.  
In His great mercy He has given us life.  
Now we can be called the children of God.

**Great is the love that the Father has given us.  
He has delivered us. He has delivered us.  
Children of God, sing your song and rejoice  
for the love that He has given us all.  
Children of God, by the blood of His Son  
we have been redeemed and we can be called  
Children of God! Children of God!**

A mystery is revealed to the universe.  
The Father above has proven His love.  
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve,  
and so we are called the children of God.

We are the saints, we are the children.  
We've been redeemed, we've been forgiven .  
We are the sons and daughters of our God.

## ***“O Come to the Altar”***

Are you hurting and broken within, overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well?

Jesus is calling.

**(Chorus)**

**O come to the altar. The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus  
Christ.**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there's no reason to wait.

Jesus is calling;

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born.

Jesus is calling.

**(Chorus)**

O what a Savior! Isn't he wonderful? Sing alleluia! Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all! Sing alleluia! Christ is risen!

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**(Chorus)**

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown. Tell the world of the treasure you've found.