



## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Words of Welcome

Please silence your cell phone. (♦) Stand as you are able. (✙) Children may leave for Children's Celebration.

### Opening Voluntary

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach—Myra Hess

### ♦ Hymn 393

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

### ♦ ✙ Passing the Peace of Christ

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination

### Psalm 119

Psalter 840 with response 1

### ♦ Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### ♦ Alleluia

Hymn 486

### Sermon

The Parable of Four Soils

Rev. Mark Ralls

### Moment of Silent Reflection

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### ♦ Hymn 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

THY WORD

### ♦ Affirmation of Faith (all in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ♦ Hymn 71

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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.

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer (all in 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

### Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings

#### Offertory Anthem

Thy Word Is a Lamp James G. MacDermid  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. For ever  
thy word is settled in heaven, Thy faithfulness is to all generations.  
O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day. The wicked  
have laid a snare for me: Trouble and anguish have laid hold on  
me:  
Unless thy law had been my delights, I should have perished in mine  
affliction. O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day.  
The Lord upholdeth all that fall, He raiseth those that be bowed  
down.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. For ever  
thy word is settled in heaven, Thy faithfulness is to all generations.

#### ◆Hymn 95 OLD 100TH

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.

### SENDING FORTH

#### ◆Hymn 733 MARCHING TO ZION

Marching to Zion

#### ◆Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary Clarke  
Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

#### Participants

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mark Ralls  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Christy Sharp  
**Assistant Pastor:** Rev. Jean Goodwin  
**Director of Music:** Michael S. Brannon  
**Musicians:** Lynn Kitts, piano;  
Carolyn Grimes-Sherwood, soprano  
**Cantor:** Dennis Sanders  
**Readers:** Sigrun Mapes 8:30, Larry Harvey 11:00  
**Altar Guild:** Kim Jordan 8:30, Barbara Moerk 11:00  
**Sound Technician:** Jason Gardner



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July 16, 2017 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

# Weekly Connect

## Week of July 16, 2017

### Feed the Kids Fundraiser, Tuesday, July 18, Iannuccis

Plan to dine at Iannuccis on Tuesday, July 18, when 10% of their profits are donated to "Feed the Kids Coalition." FUMC participates in this ministry, which provides a hot meal every Friday night at the Boys & Girls Club. Your Support is appreciated. If you have questions, contact Ann Pyles 693.1149.

### Special Summer Event, Family Fun Night, Elks Pool, Friday, July 21

It's not too late! All families with children & youth, please join us for Family Fun Night at the Elks Pool, Friday, July 21 from 7-9PM. RSVP by July 18 to FUMCchildministry@gmail.com & indicate number attending. All children under 18 must be accompanied by adult.

### Youth Concert "Hillsong Young & Free", Friday, July 21, 3:15PM

For 6-12th Graders—Cost is \$35

### Apartment Volunteers Needed

To ready our apartments for our first four Safelight Tenants (July 24-August 1) & continue preparing the next four units, volunteers are needed. If you can spare 2-6 hours, please contact Gary Lambert for specific needs & schedule 828.575.6302 or glambert@morrisbb.net

### 2017 FUMC Garage Sale, August 6-11, 2017

Please consider scheduling your time to help that week & start saving your donations. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for planning ahead to make a difference!

### Attention Ladies! Garage Sale Goodies, August 6-11, 2017

We need baking support to provide delicious snacks for garage sale buyers. No peanuts or peanut butter. Sugar free is always welcome. Contact Christine Viets 828.702.1635 for more information.

### Youth Missions Celebration, Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 PM

Spaghetti & Ice Cream. Everyone is invited, no reservations needed. Donations accepted.

### All Men of First—Spiritual Retreat: Be Joshua: Lead Your People

November 4, 2017, 8AM-3PM at Bonclarken Assembly, Lead by Jorge Herrera, Mark Ralls & Alex Knight. Cost is \$25 which includes breakfast & lunch.

### Wonderful Wednesday...

Will return September 13, 2017. Enjoy your summer!

Kairos Leadership Team wishes to share the following financial information as of June 30, 2017.

	Actual	Budget
Total Revenue	\$666,707	\$687,178
Total Expenses	\$725,924	\$740,004
Net Income	\$ (59,217)	\$ (52,826)



Will return after Labor Day.  
Enjoy the summer!

## Worship Today

**8:30 & 11:00 Service:** The altar flowers are given by Joy & Al Williams in loving memory of their parents.

**9:15 Service:** Nursery and Sunday School are provided for ages 3 & 4. Accompany your child to the hallway behind main entrance after first song set.

**11:00 Service:** Children's Celebration time is provided for children ages 3-Kindergarten. Accompany your child to the hallway behind the pulpit area (Cross Wall).

Interested in Joining? Contact Mark Ralls  
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**Sunday Morning Worship**

8:30 & 11:00 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
Live Broadcast of 11:00 Service WTZQ, Stations FM 95.3 & AM 1600  
9:15 Ignite Worship in the BCLC