



### Words of Welcome

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

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Opening Voluntary

Tallis Canon

arr. Madeline McNeil

### †Hymn 141

Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KANINGEN VARA

### †☺ Passing the Peace of Christ

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination

### Psalm 85

Psalter 806 with response

### †Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-35

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

People: Thanks be to God.

### †Alleluia

Hymn 486

### Sermon

Focus Forward

Rev. Mark Ralls

### Moment of Silent Reflection

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### †Hymn 512

Stand By Me

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### †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

Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind arr. A. D. Miller

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, Gentle as the dove; Touch us with love and teach us to sing Joy to you, Lord above. Your voice the sound, heard in the wind, O'er fields and hills you sing; Now I can hear the joy, my Lord, the peace your song will bring.

†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 593

Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD

†Dismissal with Blessing

#### Closing Voluntary

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho arr. Larry Conger

### Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Mark Ralls	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Rev. Christy Sharp	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Rev. Jean Goodwin	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Michael S. Brannon	<i>Director of Music</i>
Joy Williams	<i>Director of Olde Tyme Strummers</i>
Olde Tyme Strummers,	
Alex Salvaggio-cello,	
Mia Salvaggio-violin,	
Walter Labbate-percussion	
8:30 Choir, Chancel Choir,	<i>Musicians</i>
Don Youmans, Sandy Freeman	<i>Cantors</i>
Noreen Elshaw, Sandy Freeman	<i>Acolytes</i>
Corinne Carland, Rob Freeman	<i>Cross Bearers</i>
Diane Halper, Barbara Hora	<i>Readers</i>
Carol Carlock, Joyce Banker	<i>Altar Guild Assistants</i>
Jason Gardner	<i>Sound Technician</i>



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August 13, 2017 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Weekly Connect

### Week of August 13, 2017

#### New Deadline for Monthly Newsletter "The Word"

Submit newsletter articles on the third Tuesday of every month using the Communication Request form on the FUMC website under the Connect tab.

#### Lessons in Faith, Thursdays, Beginning August 24

Announcing *Lessons in Faith*, a 6-week Bible study with Bea Fosmire. Participants will examine the individuals in the Bible who were commended by Jesus for their faith. See SCL handbook for details & registration. No charge.

#### NEW Preteen Sunday School Class, August 27, Room G16

FUMC is launching a new Sunday School class for 4th & 5th Graders from 10:10 to 10:55AM. The new curriculum, 252 Preteen, includes large & small group time in an engaging environment. Preteen Parents Meeting for parents of 4th & 5th graders will be Sunday, August 27 at 10:10AM in Room G16. Meet leaders, see the redesigned room, learn what to expect from the new curriculum & get connected to resources to engage the heart of your preteen throughout the week. Contact Pastor Christy Sharp or Lauren Tilden if questions.

#### Blood Drive, Tuesday, August 29, 1:30-6:00PM, Roy Johnson Room

Your donation to the American Red Cross is a precious gift for those who need blood. Help us keep the blood supply available. Sign up in the Gathering Area or online.

#### Men's Retreat, November 4, 2017, Bonclarken Assembly, 8AM-3PM

Cost is \$25 which includes breakfast & lunch. Space is limited, register today.

#### Wonderful Wednesday....

Is now known as "The Gathering". More information coming soon. Mark your calendar to join us September 13, 2017.

Kairos Leadership Team wishes to share the following financial information as of July 31, 2017.

	Actual	Budget
Total Revenue	\$789,958	\$820,256
Total Expenses	\$837,389	\$869,439
Net Income	\$ (47,431)	\$ (49,183)



**Will Return after Labor Day.**  
Enjoy the summer!

## Worship Today

**8:30 & 11:00 Service:** The altar flowers are given by Jack & Phoebe Timberlake in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

**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