

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude "Where'er You Walk" (Handel)

Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.

P: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

L: To the faithful, You show Yourself faithful.

P: To the pure, You show Yourself pure.

L: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and steadfast love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH 103

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Precious Lord, we praise You for Your provision for our every need. Let Your compassion come speedily to us that all may see and know where true help lies. Inspire us to trust Your promises and celebrate the abundance of Your grace. Amen."

Anthem "Lead On, O King Eternal" (A.L. Page)

Handbell Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response "Jesus is All the World to Me" (v. 1)

UMH 469

Prayer Petition (in unison)

"We hear Your calling to be faithful stewards, O God, but find Your road a hard one to walk. Correct us when we place our trust in human wealth, power, and status. Open our eyes, ears, and hearts to Your promise of life eternal. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Gospel Reading Luke 16: 1-13

Bonnie Revell

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit*

*Hymn of Faith

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH 454

Message

"He Was a Shrewd Crook"

Rev. Wayne Chung

A manager of a rich man is to be fired. He is too weak to dig and too proud to beg. What does the future hold for him?

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "Brethren We Have Met to Worship" (R. Malloy) Handbell Choir

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*Closing Hymn

"Because He Lives"

UMH 364

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

***Hymn Response** "Amen"

UMH 898

Postlude

"Send The Light" (Turner)

Sandy Griese

Lecture Reading for Following Sunday

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Our Prayers: Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Bob & Van King's daughter-in-law, Keith Ulrich's mother Henrietta, Patrick Rodrigues (Joyce Owens' Husband), Those who travel

*Today's altar flowers are presented by Jay & Sally Lounsbury
in thanks to God for the beauty of autumn*

*The flowers in the narthex are presented in honor of Mary & Mike Kauffman's
25th wedding anniversary, September 21st
by Mary's parents, Frank & Margery Paten*

*The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Stella Rae Labriola
on September 8th to Thomas & Lynn Labriola
Grandparents are Robert & Vicki Labriola*

Our Presence:

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| Worship Attendance Last Sunday | 207 |
| Average Worship Attendance | 205 |

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

| | January-August 2016 | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Actual | Budget | Surplus / (Deficit) | Var % |
| General Fund | \$245,588 | \$265,857 | (\$20,269) | -8% |
| Missions Fund | \$14,809 | \$15,768 | (\$959) | -6% |
| P&I Fund | \$21,910 | \$19,500 | \$2,410 | 12% |
| Building Fund | \$55,216 | \$51,200 | \$4,016 | 8% |
| Kitchen Fund | \$56,015 | \$4,336 | \$51,679 | - |
| Weekly SCAN Report | Cereal | 21 | Other | 0 |
| | | | YTD Cereal | 891 |

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$108,578 as of August 31, 2016

Service:

Ministers

Secretary

Music Team

Custodian

Counters

Ushers

Junior Ushers

Acolyte

Altar Guild for September

Friendship Hour

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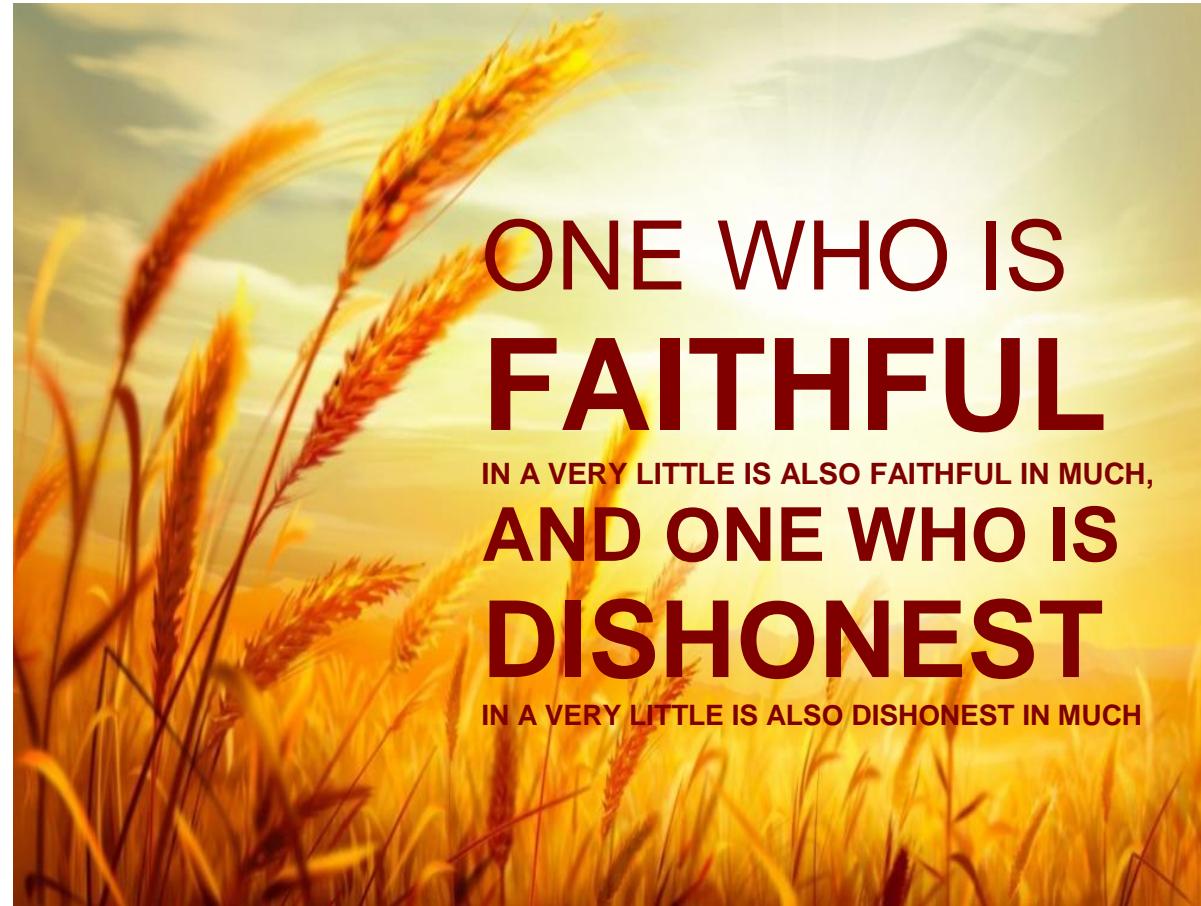
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11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Our Mission**

: "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
 Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

2016 Motto

: "Each One, Reach One!"