

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2016 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)
Prelude "Are Ye Able, said the Master" (arr. Bartlett) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Rejoice, O daughters of Zion!

P: Sing praise, O sons of Israel!

L: For in Christ, we are children of God.

P: In Christ, hope is born again!

L: For in Christ, we find refuge and strength.

P: In Christ, love is born again! Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

UMH 160

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Eternal God, look upon us now with mercy and grace. Enter our hearts and make us holy. Guide us in Your ways, that we may no longer wander alone. Gather us to Yourself, that we may be one with each other and join the unending celebration of Your grace. Amen."

Anthem "On This Glorious Day" (Patterson)

Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response "Amazing Grace" (v. 1)

UMH 378

Prayer Petition (in unison)

"Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our hope and trust in You. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, hurt, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Help us turn to You when we are lost. Help us put our trust in You, that the faith and love in Christ may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen."

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit*

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Gospel Reading Luke 15: 1-10
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Faith "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" UMH 348

Message "Lost and Found" Rev. Wayne Chung
It is by amazing grace and boundless mercy of God that Saul became Paul-- from a man of violence to a servant of Jesus. There is a great joy in heaven over one person who changes both heart and life. Will you join the celebration?

Giving in Response to God's Love
Offertory "Possessions" (arr. Nix) Sanctuary Choir

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*Closing Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH 156

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

*Hymn Response "Amen" UMH 898

Postlude "Sing to God with Heart and Voice" (Williams) Sandy Griese

Lecture Reading for Following Sunday

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

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

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*Today's altar flowers are presented by Rob & Cyndie Sybert
in memory of their daughter Jennifer's 42nd birthday*

Joan Windland

Our Presence:

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	190
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	24	Other	0
			YTD Cereal	870

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

Service:

Ministers

Secretary

Music Team

Custodian

Counters

Ushers

Acolyte

Altar Guild for September

Friendship Hour

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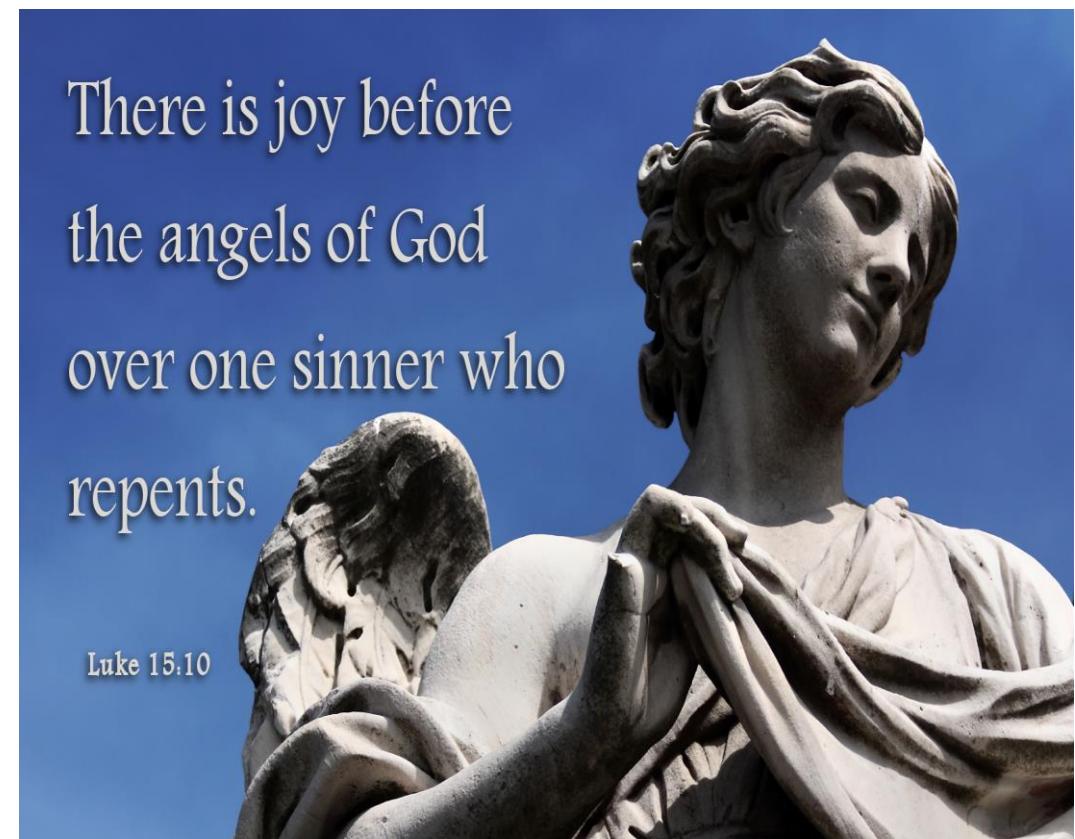
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 2016
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

There is joy before
 the angels of God
 over one sinner who
 repents.

Luke 15:10

**Our Mission**

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

2016 Motto

: "Each One, Reach One!"