

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 2017 11:00 am

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

Prelude **"Come Let Us Sing"** (Paxton) Sandy Griese
Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Sing songs of hope and peace.

P: God's healing power is over us all.

L: Sing songs of mercy and grace.

P: God's love and power have lifted us.

L: Praise be to God, whose love is continually with us.

P: Thanks be to God, whose mercy frames our lives. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** **"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"** **UMH 500**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

"We sing and speak Your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways You have healed us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others. In Jesus' name. Amen."

***Passing of the Peace**

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM: Autumn Yun Trickle

Parents: ERIC EDWARD TRICKLE & JAMIE RENÉE TRICKLE

Anthem **"The Solid Rock"** (arr. A. Lohr) Handbell Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response **"Something Beautiful"** **UMH 394**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

"When we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life, O Christ, enter our hearts with Your redeeming love. Teach us to be humble and merciful. Remind us of the many ways in which You have offered Your forgiving grace to us. Heal our wounds and bind up our brokenness with the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen."

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Hebrew Scripture

Gospel Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Luke 14:25-35

Paula Madden

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

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn of Faith**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

UMH 402

Message: **DISCIPLESHIP (II): "Sit Down & Count"**

Rev. Wayne Chung

All disciples are believers but not all believers are disciples. A disciple is a learner, who is willing to pay the price for being a follower. Salvation is free, but discipleship is costly. "Write these words on your doorframes, foreheads, and hearts!"

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory **"Interlude"** (arr. M. Helman)

Handbell Choir

***Doxology** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

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

***Closing Hymn** **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

UMH 664

***Sending Forth with God's Blessing**

***Hymn Response** **"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1)**

UMH 557

Postlude

"God of Glory" (Peterson)

Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Exod. 16:2-15 **Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45 or Ps. 78** **Phil. 1:21-30**

Matt. 20:1-16

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The altar flowers are given by Marshele Burgess

The flowers in the narthex are in celebration of the wedding of Rachel LaBriola and Jeffrey Hardesty on Saturday, September 16

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Linda Thompson, Franklin Revelle, The victims and rescue workers of Hurricanes, Gren Springer – friend of Cheryl Castner, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Family and friends of Laura Wallen, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation, Texas and Florida

Our Presence:	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	181
	Average Weekly Attendance	186

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 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$254,960	\$245,220	\$9,740	4%
Missions Fund	\$16,442	\$14,648	\$1,794	12%
P&I Fund	\$11,646	\$12,000	(\$354)	-3%
Building Fund	\$44,664	\$44,000	\$664	2%
Kitchen Fund	\$3,925	\$16,000	(\$12,075)	-75%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 17	Other 0	YTD Cereal 1033	

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$116,836 as of August 31, 2017

Mortgage Loan Balance = \$367,695 as of August 31, 2017

Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Children & Youth Ministry Coord.	Courtney Eversfield cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Ushers	Bonnie Revell
Altar Guild for September	Bonnie Revell (410-741-5268)
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Our Mission: “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”