Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2017 8:30 am

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Opening Songs**	**"Sing a New Song to the Lord"**	**TFWS 2045**
	"Holy, Holy"	**TFWS 2039**

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song	**"You Alone Are Holy" (vs. 1)**	**TFWS 2077**

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)
"Gracious God, we come before You seeking Your grace. Today, help us find the good in this life as we worship and praise Your name. Comfort us with Your peace that we may find the hope You have placed deep in ourselves. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song	**"You Alone Are Holy" (v. 2)**	**TFWS 2077**

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Moment

*** Prayer of Petition** (in unison)
"Lord of peace and hope, open our hearts and send Your healing touch for our wounded spirits and weary souls. Flood our lives with Your peace. Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses to Your redeeming and reconciling love. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Hebrew Scripture	**Genesis**	**24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67**	Cathy Page
Epistle Lesson	**Romans**	**7:15-25a**	

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Message **"Someone Ahead of You"** Rev. Wayne Chung
Abraham's servant is a model of trust and faithfulness. Rebekah's example of kindness and generosity is a reflection of God's grace. But like Paul, we often wrestle with ourselves, giving in to selfish urges. Life happens and it moves on by the grace of God. "Thanks be to God!"

Giving in Response to God's Love
Offertory

***Closing Song**	**"The Summons"**	**TFWS 2130**

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

Response Go now in peace, Go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Postlude

<u>Lection Reading for Following Sunday</u>

Genesis 25:19-34 **Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25** **Romans 8:1-11**
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Kauffman family in celebration of Mary's mother, Margery Patten's birthday

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<u>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</u>

Our Prayers: Family & Friends of Barbara Tucker who passed away on June 14, Jay Lounsbury, Sally Lounsbury - recovering from hip surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Those who travel

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 163
Average Weekly Attendance 197

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-May 2017					
	Actual		Budget		Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	$166,657		$160,623		$6,034	4%
Missions Fund	$9,298		$9,499		($201)	-2%
P&I Fund	$8,155		$7,500		$655	9%
Building Fund	$30,181		$27,500		$2,681	10%
Kitchen Fund	$1,945		$10,000		($8,055)	-81%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	34	Other	21	YTD Cereal	784

*Kitchen Fund Balance = $114,856 as of May 31, 2017
Mortgage Loan Balance = $385,046 as of May 31, 2017

Our 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
Custodian	Jim Fowler
8:30 Greeters & Ushers	Harry Hill & Sam Terry
8:30 Acolyte	Corinne Page
8:30 Sound Tech	John Wilson
Altar Guild for July	Bee Hobbs (301-855-5269)
Friendship Hour	*No Friendship Time during July & August*
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
Pastor	Rev. Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org

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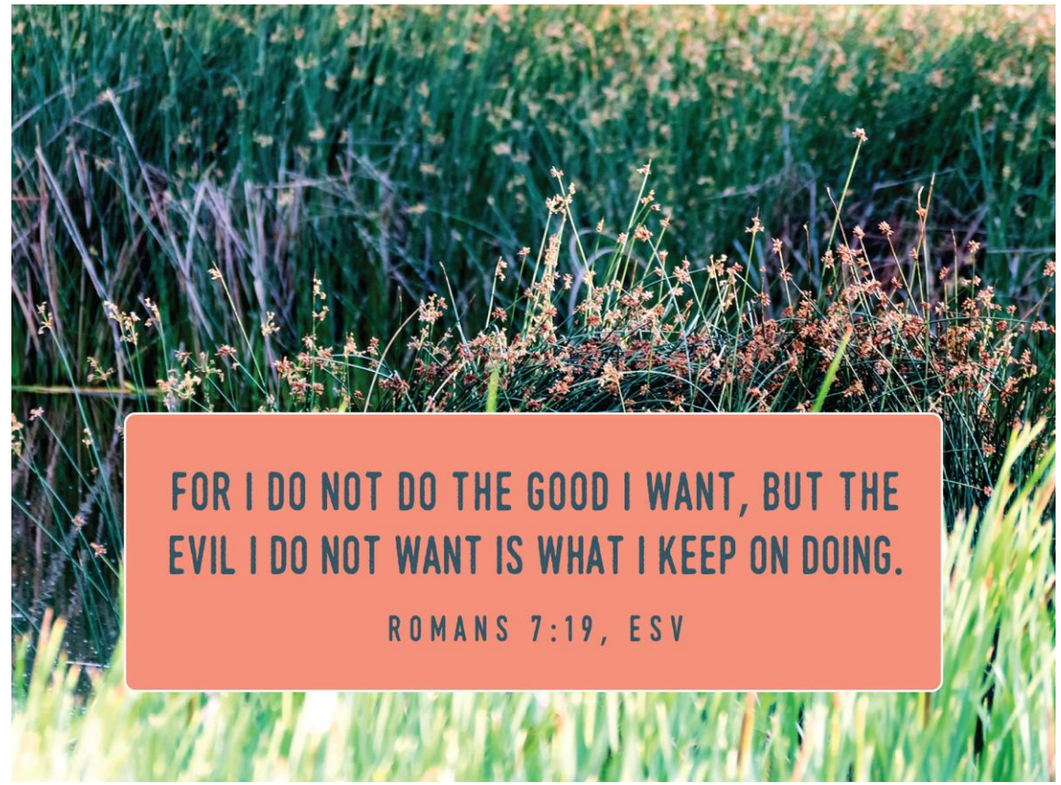
8:30 a.m. Worship Service



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

Our Motto : "Each One, Reach One!"