Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Communion Sunday

September 3, 2017 8:30 am

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Opening Songs** **"Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"** **TFWS 2139**
"Let Us Offer to the Father " **TFWS 2262**

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song **"Holy Ground"** **TFWS 2272**

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)
"Lord, we have gathered here today to discern Your will and plan for us. You are calling to each one of us even in the midst of the noises of everyday living. Guide our spirits, open our hearts that we may hear Your voice of healing and forgiveness. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song **"Holy Ground"** **TFWS 2272**

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Moment

Prayer of Petition (in unison)
"Holy God, You are far beyond our reaches, yet, You are here among us in Your Spirit and in Your Word. Speak to our hearts in this hour. Calm us, comfort us, challenge us, and create us anew as Your holy people. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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

Hebrew Scripture **Exodus 3:1-15** Sam Guest
Gospel Lesson **Matthew 16:21-28**
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message: **"Who Am I"** Rev. Wayne Chung
Moses hears God's call from within the burning bush that is not burned up. He doubts his ability and is concerned about his safety. Peter has difficulty accepting the idea of a suffering Messiah. "What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"

Giving in Response to God's Love
Offertory **"Kyrie"** Praise Team

Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer – Sharing of the Bread and Cup

***Closing Song** **"Walk with Me"** **TFWS 2242**

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

Postlude **"The Lord Bless and Keep You"** **TFWS 2280**

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Exodus 12:1-14 **Psalm 149 or 148** **Romans 13:8-14** **Matthew 18:15-20**

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The altar flowers are given by Chris & Kristen Heyer in celebration of their anniversary

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Franklin Revelle, The victims and rescue workers of Hurricane Harvey, Gren Springer – friend of Cheryl Castner, Chrys Hill, Jim Sulima, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, The Graduates, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Those who travel, For the healing of the nation, especially Charlottesville, VA

Our Presence:	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	155
	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-July 2017					
	Actual		**Budget**		**Surplus / (Deficit)**	**Var %**
General Fund	$228,594		$217,058		$11,536	5%
Missions Fund	$14,763		$13,061		$1,702	13%
P&I Fund	$10,577		$10,500		$77	1%
Building Fund	$40,221		$38,500		$1,721	4%
Kitchen Fund	$2,905		$14,000		($11,095)	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	39	Other	11	YTD Cereal	980

*Kitchen Fund Balance = $115,816 as of July 31, 2017
Mortgage Loan Balance = $373,459 as of July 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
Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator	Courtney Eversfield cymc@friendshipmethodsit.org
Custodian	Jim Fowler
8:30 Greeters & Ushers	Harry Hill & Sam Terry
8:30 Sound Tech	John Wilson
Altar Guild for September	Bonnie Revell (410-741-5268)
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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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 3, 2017
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!"