

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 2017 11:00 am

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

Prelude "Moment By Moment" (Hughes) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Lift up your voice.

P: God hears the cry of the faithful.

L: Sing praise to Christ.

P: Christ's name is worthy of praise.

L: We lift up our praise.

P: God will answer our hope. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Make Me a Captive, Lord" UMH 421

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Holy God, come to us. Be present in our worship and in our lives. Hear our cries, and speak to our souls. Give us Your strength that we may live our lives in faith and hope. Amen."

* Passing of the Peace

Blessing on the Prayer Shawls

Children's Message Ruth Bailey

Hymn Response "Alleluia, Alleluia" (v. 1) UMH 162

*Prayer of Petition (in unison)

"Gracious God, we long for Your presence and guidance in our lives. Teach us the joy of hope fulfilled, the comfort of companionship offered. Pour over us with Your steadfast love, and shower us with Your constant presence that we may truly know we are not alone. Amen."

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

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 21:8-21 Ken Reynolds

Epistle Lesson Romans 6:1-11

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

P: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Faith** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH 399

Message "The Lord Heard Your Cry" Rev. Wayne Chung

A miracle child is born. Abraham, however, is greatly distressed because Sarah demands that Ishmael and Hagar be cast out of the family. Hagar has no idea where to go. Where does help come from? "Well then, shall we keep sinning so that God can bless us more?"

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (arr. Benjamin) Sandy Griese

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

***Closing Hymn** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH 605

Sending Forth with God's Blessing

***Hymn Response** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1) UMH 557

Postlude "Celebration" (Mansfield) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

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*The altar flowers are given by Meredith & Susan Page
in loving memory of their parents*

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Family & Friends of Barbara Tucker who passed away on June 14, Family & Friends of Willis Fowler who passed away on June 8, Family & Friends of Robert Ward, Jr., who passed away on June 7, Jay Lounsbury, Sally Lounsbury - recovering from hip surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Bill Fowler, Those who travel

