

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Communion Sunday

September 3, 2017 11:00 am

“God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)

Prelude “Cantabile” (Eliot) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name.

P: Let the whole world know what God has done.

L: Sing to Him, sing praise His holy name!

P: Tell everyone about His wonderful deeds.

L: We are God’s chosen people and the Lord is our God.

P: Rejoice and be glad for God is with us always. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “God Is Here” UMH 660

Lighting of the Candles

***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.”

Children’s Message

Hymn Response “There’s Something About That Name” UMH 171

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.”

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 3:1-15 Rick Bailey

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:21-28

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

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

***Hymn of Faith** “Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

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 “Here I Am to Worship” (arr. Hayes) Sandy Griese

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving-**The Lord’s Prayer**-Sharing of the Bread and Cup UMH 15-16

Communion Hymns: UMH 172 My Jesus, I Love Thee, 299 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, 377 It Is Well with My Soul

Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn** “Where He Leads Me” UMH 338

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

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

Postlude “A Joyous Acclamation” (Peterson) Sandy Griese

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

