

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2017 11:00 am

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

Prelude “Trumpet Tune” (Mouret) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

P: Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

L: What joy and blessings we have in God’s presence!

P: Blessed are those who do justice, bring peace, and tell the truth!

L: Praise the Lord. Give thanks for God’s love and faithfulness.

P: God’s grace, justice, and truth endure forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” **UMH 526**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

“Gracious God, we stand before You seeking Your wisdom and truth. Open our hearts to hear Your healing words of peace and love. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Help us to focus on things that are pure and pleasing to Your sight. Amen.”

***Passing of the Peace**

Anthem “King Through All Eternity” (arr. J.W. Krug) Handbell Choir

Children’s Message

Hymn Response “Sweet Hour of Prayer” (v. 1) **UMH 496**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

“In times of difference and division, save us from rancor and meanness, O God. Help us fix our thoughts on what is true and honorable, right and lovely. Make us witnesses to Your way of justice, peace, and truth. Transform us that we may transform the world. Amen.”

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

Epistle Lesson **Philippians** **4:1-9** Joan Windland

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **22:1-14**

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

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn of Faith** “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” **UMH 616**

Message “Reconsider! Rejoice!” Rev. Wayne Chung

Kingdom doors are wide open. Invitations go out time after time. People still don’t pay attention. Isn’t it time to listen and think again? *“Rejoice! Always be gentle with others for the Lord is near.”*

Giving in Response to God’s Love

Offertory “A Mighty Fortress” (arr. T. Osman) 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** “Rejoice, the Lord is King” **UMH 715**

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

***Hymn Response** “Amen” **UMH 898**

Postlude “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (arr. Mansfield) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Exod. 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thess. 1:1-10 Matt. 22:15-22

*The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of
Betty Dorsey by all her friends she left behind*

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Anna Cox, 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, California, Las Vegas, Texas and Florida

Our Presence:	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	161
	Average Weekly Attendance	186
	Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	57

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-September 2017					
	Actual		Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %	
General Fund	\$279,766		\$272,693	\$7,073	3%	
Missions Fund	\$22,614		\$16,275	\$6,339	39%	
P&I Fund	\$12,708		\$13,500	(\$792)	-6%	
Building Fund	\$50,159		\$49,500	\$659	1%	
Kitchen Fund	\$4,535		\$18,000	(\$13,465)	-75%	
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	25	Other	2	YTD Cereal	1335

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$112,646 as of September 30, 2017
Mortgage Loan Balance = \$361,871 as of September 30, 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
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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!”