

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**September 24, 2017 11:00 am**

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

**Prelude** “The Lord Reigns” (Peterson) Sandy Griese  
**Welcome and announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Give thanks to the Lord!

**P: Call upon the name of the Lord!**

L: Remember God’s loving care for each of us.

**P: Praise the Lord for His grace poured out for us.**

L: Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

**P: Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” **UMH 126**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**“Lord, whether we have come to You from long ago, or have just come to You now, You reach out with love and blessing for each one of us. As we remember Your mercy and grace, help us offer greetings and blessings to each other in Your name. Amen.”**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Anthem** “Sing, Shout, Alleluia” (Martin) Voices In Praise

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn Response** “He Is Lord” **UMH 177**

**Prayer of Petition** (in unison)

**“God of grace and mercy, whether we are lifelong church members, or new arrivals in your service, we know You value us just as we are. Enable and strengthen each one of us in Your mission, that we may offer peace and hope to others, not counting the cost, but sharing the wealth of Your mercy and love. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”**

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

**Hebrew Scripture**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

**Gospel Lesson**

**John 19:31-42**

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

**P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Faith** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (v. 1, 2, 5, 6) **UMH 154**

**Message:** DISCIPLESHIP (III): “**Work Out Your Salvation**” Rev. Wayne Chung  
Jesus calls ordinary fishermen, “*Follow Me!*” What does it mean to be a disciple? Come to church every Sunday, sing in a choir, join a Bible study, attend a committee meeting, etc.? Salvation is free but discipleship is costly. *“Work out your salvation much more even in my absence.”*

**Giving in Response to God’s Love**

**Offertory** “Be Thou My Vision” (arr. Koerts) Ben Griese

**\*Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH 94**

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer** (in unison)

**\*Closing Hymn** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” **UMH 672**

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

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

**Postlude** “Sing to the Great Jehovah’s Praise” (Smith) Sandy Griese

**Lection Reading for Following Sunday**

**Exod. 17:1-7 Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16 Phil. 2:1-13 Matt. 21:23-32**

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*The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Mary Ross Myers,  
sister of Anne Stewart, and given by Anne and Don Stewart*

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**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**Our Prayers:** 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, Texas and Florida

<b>Our Presence:</b>	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	189
	Average Weekly Attendance	186
	Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	59

**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-August 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$254,960	\$245,220	\$9,740	4%
Missions Fund	\$16,442	\$14,648	\$1,794	12%
P&I Fund	\$11,646	\$12,000	(\$354)	-3%
Building Fund	\$44,664	\$44,000	\$664	2%
Kitchen Fund	\$3,925	\$16,000	(\$12,075)	-75%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 29	Other 9	YTD Cereal	1062

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$116,836 as of August 31, 2017  
Mortgage Loan Balance = \$367,695 as of August 31, 2017

**Service:**  
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# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 24, 2017

11:00 am Worship Service



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

**Our Motto:** “Each One, Reach One!”