

15th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016 11:00 am

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

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" (arr. Prentiss) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Come, all you who are hungry and thirsty. Come to the feast.

P: Gather us around Your Table, O Lord, our Guest and Master.

L: Sing aloud to God our strength.

P: Shout for joy before the Lord, our King and Judge.

L: Sing aloud to the Lord, who fills us with good things.

P: Worship the God, who welcomes and feeds us with finest wheat. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "There's a Spirit in the Air" **UMH 192**

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"God of days ancient and new, speak to us Your ancient words of wisdom. Help us hear afresh Christ's message of love and servanthood. Soften our hearts to sense Your presence. Change our lives to follow Your path of justice and mercy. In Christ's name. Amen."

Anthem "There is a Balm in Gilead" Cheryl Castner

Children's Message

Hymn Response "Freely, Freely" (v. 1) **UMH 389**

Prayer Petition (in unison)

"Holy God, You desire humility from us, not vanity. Forgive us when we fail to give credit to You for who we are. Correct us when we believe we are always right. Make us less eager to fight for power and position and more willing to make room for those who have neither name nor strength. May we be more the people You would have us become. Amen."

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit*

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Faith "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" **UMH 430**

Message "Christ, a Rude Guest" Rev. Wayne Chung

Jesus advises us to be humble and invite the "unclean" to our next meal. Why bother mingling with those annoying people? "Everyone who puts themselves up will be put down."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Cheryl Castner

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 95**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

*Closing Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" **UMH 432**

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

*Hymn Response "Amen" **UMH 898**

Postlude "Celebration" (Paxton) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Jeremiah 18:1-11 **Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18** **Philemon 1-21** **Luke 14:25-33**

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Bob & Van King's daughter-in-law, Robert, Keith Ulrich's mother Henrietta, Patrick Rodrigues (Joyce Owens' Husband), Those who travel

The flowers on the altar are given by Brenda Knopp, Carolyn Ward, Monty and Kristin King and Robin Lednecky in honor of their parents Bernie and Jodi King's 50th Wedding Anniversary

The rose buds on the Communion Table are in honor of the births of Wendy and Gary Ward's Granddaughters. Josephine Lee, born July 13th, to Jason and Jessica Ward and Avery Claire, born August 22nd, to Ben and Stephanie Ward

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 202
 Average Worship Attendance 206

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-June 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$217,318	\$240,129	(\$22,811)	-9%
Missions Fund	\$13,449	\$14,082	(\$633)	-4%
P&I Fund	\$19,987	\$18,250	\$1,647	9%
Building Fund	\$50,751	\$44,800	\$5,951	13%
Kitchen Fund	\$55,705	\$3,794	\$51,911	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 34	Other 0	YTD Cereal	812

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$108,268 as of July 31, 2016

Service:
 Ministers All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
 Secretary Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
 Music Team Sandy Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee,
 Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
 Custodian Jim Fowler
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 11:00 a.m. Worship Service



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

2016 Motto : “Each One, Reach One!”