



# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Dutch melody  
*We Gather Together*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Kayleigh McNelis

Leader: God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.  
Who is seeking after God above all else?

PEOPLE: **WE LOOK TO JESUS CHRIST FOR WISDOM AND TRUTH;  
WE REACH OUT TO BE STRENGTHENED FOR SERVICE.**

Leader: The winds of God blow among us to winnow and cleanse.  
They sweep through our midst in judgment.

PEOPLE: **HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD, AND WASH AWAY OUR SIN.  
DO NOT LET YOUR WRATH BURN AGAINST US.**

Leader: Remember your promises to us, O God.  
Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

UNISON: **WE SEEK TO KNOW YOU AND TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING.  
CONFRONT US HERE AND LIGHT OUR WAY OUT OF THE VOID.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Kayla Frazier

\*WORSHIP HYMN..... (see screen)  
*As The Deer*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Hear our cry, O God, for we recognize our need for Your mercy. We are fearful to encounter You, yet we cannot live without You. We are like lost sheep who have wandered away from the best we know and cannot find our way back. We want You to find us, but we fear Your punishment. Come, Good Shepherd, to rescue us from ourselves. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35  
*Glory Be to the Father*

HONORING OUR PAST MINISTERS

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 850).....Luke 15:1-10

SECOND READING (pg. 963).....1 Timothy 1:12-17

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Sebastian Temple  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Because we have been blessed by You, O God, we are delighted to share. Because there are many who do not enjoy Your bounty, we search for ways to help them. Thank You for showing us the way of mercy and patient example, the way of generosity and self-forgetful service, the way of faithfulness and joyous celebration. Bless us and our offerings, we pray. Amen.

\*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 66  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Steve Gray

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Cheryl Jarvis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Traditional Spiritual  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 227**

***In the Garden***

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Robert Lowry**

***My Life Flows On***

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Thomas Thornton, Pam Gibbs, Nathan Loftis



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.*

*We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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