

# Christian Service of Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

*\*indicates for those who are able to stand*

## We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

One: Christ is risen!

**Many: He is risen indeed!**

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

*(As the risen Christ greeted his beloved disciples, let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!")*

Prelude Lyric Improvisation L. Smith

\*Processional Hymn Tell Me the Stories of Jesus 190

\*Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 92: 1-5) Tom Rosenberger

One: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High; to declare thy steadfast love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**Many: For thou, O LORD, hast made me glad by thy work; at the works of thy hands I sing for joy. How great are thy works, O LORD! Thy thoughts are very deep. Amen!**

\*Unison Prayer of Invocation Tom Rosenberger

**Loving Lord, please use this communal experience of prayer and praise to empower us for the way ahead. In your name we gather and have our meaning. Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## We Receive and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Tom Rosenberger

Ezekiel 17: 22-24 (Pew Bible OT Page 784)

2 Corinthians 5: 14-19 (Pew Bible NT Page 181)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Focus on Faith Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

*Children welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children welcome, in the name of love.*

*All are welcome, in the name of Jesus. All are welcome, in the name of love.*

Children's Church with Yolanda Lewellyn

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

*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. And lead us not*

*into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Choral Anthem When the Saints Go Marching In Rutter

Scripture before the Sermon Mark 4: 26-34 (Pew Bible NT Page 38)

Sermon "What is Your Story?" Rev. Don Brewer

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

*(You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please come forward during the hymn.)*

\*Hymn of Invitation I Love to Tell the Story 480

## We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Ruth Lutz

Offertory Music Fughetta Lemaigre

\*Doxology (Hymn of Praise) Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Offertory Prayer Ruth Lutz

Communion Hymn Alleluia! Hear God's Story 330

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Tom Rosenberger and Ruth Lutz

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

**Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

**Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

*(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You may partake of the Bread as it is passed and hold the Cup, or you may hold both elements so that we may partake of Holy Communion together.)*

Prayer of Commission

**God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.**

## We Are Led Out By the Spirit

\*Hymn of Going Forth *Go, My Children, with My Blessings* **431**

\*Benediction *(Adapted from Psalm 92: 12-15)* Rev. Don Brewer

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**Many: They are planted in the house of the LORD, they flourish in the courts of our God.**

One: They still bring forth fruit in old age, they are ever full of sap and green,

**Many: To show that the LORD is upright; God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in the Lord!**

Postlude *Celebration for Trumpet* R.J. Hughes

*Welcome home! We are delighted that you are here today. Please fill out the Visitor/Member Card so we may have a record of your participation.*

*If you wish for a prayer joy or concern to be shared aloud during worship, please complete the back of the card now. Deacons collect prayer cards before our pastoral prayer. If your prayer request is confidential or you simply do not want it shared aloud, you may place your card in the offering plate alongside our collective tithes and offerings. On Monday morning our Prayer Ministry will lift up to God your prayer requests.*

*We kindly request that, unless you are on-call for professional reasons, all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off during worship. Thank you.*

*The Holy Scriptures for today may be found printed in the bulletin insert.*

### Ministers: All the People

#### Your Church Staff:

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert,  
*Senior Pastor*

William E. Garner, *Director of Music*

Rev. Barbara Sims-King,  
*Dir. of Christian Education*

Kathy Westbrook, *Church Organist*

Sherry Davis, *Church Administrator*

Azeb Gidey, *Custodian*

#### Your Volunteer

#### Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

### Continental Breakfast

Jun. 14: Mary Frances Early

Jun. 21: Saundra Brundage

Jun. 28: James Brewer-Calvert

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Holy Scriptures: Ezekiel 17: 22-24; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-19;

Mark 4:26-34

Preaching: Rev. Don Brewer

Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Ruth Lutz

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker,  
Steve Oliver

Greeters: TBA

Acolyte: Will Kidd

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 21, 2015

Holy Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11,19-23), 32-49, Psalm

9:9-20; 2Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Elders: Tom Rosenberger and Ruth Lutz

Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts, Tom  
Gard, Robbin Brown

Greeters: Russell Broomfield, Lee Stanley

Acolyte: Tori Jackson

### Sunday Morning Offerings

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service



***Welcome Home!***

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***Resolve to Love, Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Break Bread Together***