



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Weatherford, OK
September 17, 2017
8:30AM & 10:30AM

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgists: Joyce Teghtmeyer (8:30AM);
Kelly Brack (10:30AM)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able

❖ 10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities

Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence
The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude "In Thee Is Gladness" Giovanni Gastoldi
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome
✠ "Feet and Greet" (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)

❖✠ Gathering Song W. & S. No. 3176
"Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God for mercy and grace. **Sing praises to God for laughter and joy.** For our God is mighty and strong, protecting the lowly from the anger of the oppressor. **Our God is righteous and just, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.** Sing to God for mercy and grace. **Sing praises to God for laughter and joy as we offer our worship this day!**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 356
"When We Are Living" (vv. 1, 2, 4)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **Merciful God, when we have inflicted injuries upon others, forgive us. When we have belittled the convictions of others through word or deed, restore us in Your mercy. Reclaim us, Mighty One, that amidst the trials of life, we might walk on the dry land of Your powerful hope and Your loving grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM "The Colors of Your Grace" Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]
As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 14:1-12

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3038
"Mighty To Save"

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35
"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

HOMILY "Each Will Give An Account" Rev. Brack

RESPONSE Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD (8:30AM Service) U.M.H. No. 895
❖ "The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Great High Mountain" arr. Tom Fettke
Hannah Grace Strickler, vocalist; Marti Bessinger, accompanist

✠ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . **Merciful God, transform our gifts into gifts of hope and joy for a world acquainted with despair. Receive our very lives, and fashion us into instruments of Your grace, that we may become love and laughter in places of sorrow and mourning. Mold us into Your people—a people of promise and hope, a people who live and die in the Lord. AMEN.**

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Dick Knutson, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Butch Collins, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, Cleta Sims.

Joys & Concerns—All flood victims from Hurricane Harvey & Irma; Monique Blagowsky (upcoming tests, mother of Toni Ray); Dr. Garry Bull (deployed to Houston, TX); Ron Penner (recovering at home); Dawn Walker (brain injury recovery); Dana Walker Strawn (upcoming wedding & shoulder surgery); Mark Hetherington; Raymond McKellips; CPT Tonya Stephens (deployed to Houston, niece of Skip Klingman); Amber Morrison & crew of USS Wasp going to Japan; Alene Macaulay (4th back surgery); all world leaders: Bryan Baxter (arm surgery); Chesney Broughton; Those struggling with marital issues; Kerfoot Family; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Kirk Milligan; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 371
"I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Plunge into the waters unafraid, for God leads us forth. Walk straight ahead with purpose and passion, for Christ is our guide and guardian. Live as people of powerful hope, for the Spirit renews us each and every day. Go with the blessings of God into this new week!

Amen? **AMEN!**

✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3181

"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"
Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.
Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

POSTLUDE "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded" Herbert Howells
Marti Bessinger, organ

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de-
liv-er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

And out of
pity for him,
the master of
that servant
released
him and
for-gave
him the debt.

MATTHEW 18:27, ESV

. Kudos to Philip & Kaylie White on the birth Sept. 13th of their daughter, Kynlee. She joins sisters, Emilee Smith, Ava & Olivia White. Kynlee is the g/d of Jana Smith.

. Still need two 10:30 Holy Communion servers for October. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

. Grab | Gather | Grow . . . "G3" Community Groups begin in October. Check out the curriculum in the Narthex.

. Check out Dr. Sam Lackey's newest flyers at the Welcome Center—SWOSU students & others: "Safe Campus Intelligence Defense" FREE training. Questions? 580.774.4602 robert.lackey@swosu.edu

Coming Up . . .

. Please check out the "Fall Worship Music Sign-Up for Instrumental or Vocal Offertories" at the Welcome Center. Consider sharing your musical talent with your church family.

. Tuesday, Sept. 19th Noon - 1P . . .

Tasha Atcity from Circle of Care will be sharing an hour presentation on how you can be an effective Circle of Care Ambassador. Meet in the Neonate Classroom. Anyone who would like to know more about the work of our Circle of Care is invited. Please come!

. Wednesday, Sept. 20th 5:15PM . . .

4-M Potluck (Mid-Month Methodist Meal) in Fellowship Hall.

. Next Sunday, Sept. 24th 2:00P . . .

You're invited to help us lead the devotional service at Brookdale Assisted Living Center.

. Sunday, October 1st 6:30P . . .

Leadership Team & Church Council will meet in the Neonate Classroom to consider and recommend to Charge Conference our reports on Clergy Compensation, Nominations, and Lay Servants. All Church Council members needed to be present for discussion and vote.