



**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Weatherford, OK  
September 24, 2017  
8:30AM & 10:30AM

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Liturgists: Kelley Ramey (8:30AM);  
John Kokalis (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 "Prelude in G" Cesar Franck  
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

Give thanks to God and call on Christ's name. **We proclaim God's grace and sing God's praise.** Seek the Lord, who is here with us now. **We rejoice in God's glory and strength. Let's worship!**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 433  
"All Who Love and Serve Your City" (vv. 1-3)  
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **Sustainer God, You nourish us in every way. Forgive us when we reject Your love and care. Open our eyes when we neglect Your gifts and ignore Your presence. Draw close to us, that we may recognize Your abiding presence and guiding love. Reclaim us as Your own, that we might live for Christ and answer His call of discipleship. In the name of the Living Christ, we pray. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" arr. John Helgen  
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 OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:2-15

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3015  
"How Great You Are"

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20:1-16

"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 "You're On My Team Now!" Rev. Brack

RESPONSE TO THE WORD When God give us food and we share with others, **we give thanks for our daily bread.** When Christ calls and we answer YES, **God's will is fulfilled in our lives.** When God rewards the least with abundance for all, **God's kingdom comes to earth.** When we remember God's deeds with thanksgiving and praise, **we sing with joy of God's power and glory.** When we live to serve Christ, **we prepare the heavenly banquet table where all are welcome.** {Exodus 16, Psalm 105, Philippians 1, Matthew 20}

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 "Motet 'Dulcis Amica Dei'" 16th century  
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 . . . **Generous God, thank You for showering us with Your abundance and Your love. Bless the gifts we bring before You now, that they may shower others with Your abundance and Your love. In Your generous love, we pray. 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, LaVerna Reid, Chesney Broughton, John Fleming.

Toys & Concerns—Janis Lovell; All flood victims from Hurricane Harvey & Irma; thanks that Mark & Emily Tannehill's home was undamaged; 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); Those struggling with marital issues; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Kirk Milligan; Betty Osmus; 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. 130

*"God Will Take Care of You"* (vv. 1, 3, 4)

❖ RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP U.M.H. No. 38

**Shauna Kaye Rhoads** by transfer from another denomination

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Live as Christ in all that you say. Love as Christ in all that you do.  
Go forth as the children of God—because that's who you are!  
Amen? **AMEN!**

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

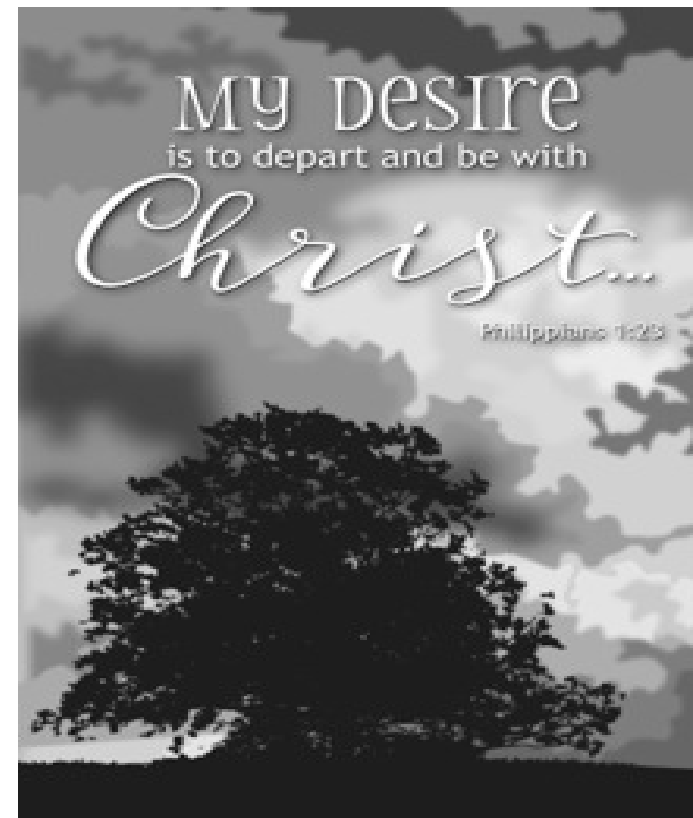
*"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"*

**Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.  
Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.**

POSTLUDE *"Variation on a Dutch Chorale"* John Bull

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.



. Welcome our newest member to the Church Family this morning . . . SHAUNA RHOADS. Shauna sings in our Chancel Choir and comes to us by transfer of her membership from Custer Avenue Baptist Church in Clinton. Welcome, Shauna!

. You're invited to join us this afternoon at 2:00PM as we provide the Devotional Service at Brookdale Assisted Living Center. Come help us sing and serve Holy Communion.

. 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](mailto:robert.lackey@swosu.edu)

. You can now listen to the 10:30 service live on Coyote Radio via three stations . . . 100.3FM Coyote Classic; 1590AM Coyote Classic; or 95.5HD 2 Coyote Classic (you'll need an HD radio to get this; they can be purchased at the Coyote radio station). You may also watch the service live-streaming on our church's face book page.

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.

, Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.