

P O M P T O N R E F O R M E D C H U R C H

Our Vision: A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Communion Sunday, August 5, 2018 (*Please stand if you are able) 10:00 a.m.

... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Gathering Song: Blue # 291 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us glorify God in the highest

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Blue # 710** “We are called to Be God's People” v. 1 & 2

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of grace and love, here is our prayer:

Have mercy on us for the wrong we have done.

Show us where our service is needed.

Help us set aside our prejudice and bias.

Fill us with a longing to know you better.

Forgive us for our lukewarm responses.

Kindle in us passion for your work.

Set us free from sin and

fear.

Send us out to be your

people. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our leader, our guide, our Savior.

Amen.

Choral Response Blue # 730 “People Need the Lord”

Words of Assurance

God is not hate, God is not wrath, God is not apathy.

God is love.

And that means that God forgives, again and again.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

God's Way of Living

Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ministry of Music The Summer Choir **Church Life**

Reception of a New Member: Wesley P. Witherington

The congregation will be asked to stand and reply to this question:

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Wesley P. Witherington by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

"We do."

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn: (Insert)

" In Remembrance"

***Doxology: Green # 216**

" Give Thanks "

***Offering Prayer**

...THE WORD OF GOD...

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 2:1-10 (NIV)
Sermon Title: 'The Right Hand of Fellowship'

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – see insert

Congregational Song during Communion: Green # 249 "Remembering with Love and Hope" □ □

□ □ As we move for Communion, refer to the screens for words to continue singing this Hymn.

...OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD...

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn: Blue # 639**

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"

***Benediction**

Postlude

Following Worship please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Most of the selected music for today has been mentioned as favorites by choir members and others. Please continue to list your favorites and give them to Patti or Scott or put them in our mailboxes in the workroom. Thanks!

Today's Scripture

Galatians 2:1-10

Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. ²I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. ³Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. ⁴This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. ⁵We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

⁶As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. ⁷On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. ⁸For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. ⁹James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰All they asked

was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Guest Minister:	Rev. Darryl Redmond
Liturgist:	Barbara Chickey
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Nursery Caregivers:	Abigail Wyckoff and Christin Warner
Ushers:	Elaine Peacock , George Buckman, Karen Huysers & Tom Iraggi
Pastoral Leader:	Rev. Mel Van Hattem

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You are invited to speak with your Elder representative about any concerns or suggestions you have related to church life.

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