

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

*“I call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God;  
incline thy ear to me, hear my words.”*

Psalm 17:6

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 47 in Unison

**P:** Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”  
“Speak, O Lord”

No. 450

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 813

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 11:4-6

ANTHEM

“Jesus Loves Me ”

Molly Tarr  
Sarah Tarr

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

“The Talents”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

No. 499

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>:** 1 PM Charlotte's Bible Study 1 PM Quilting  
**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>:** 9 AM Coffee & Conversations  
**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>:** 9 AM Worship Service 11 AM Worship Service

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE RESERVATIONS** – Please call or email Lori at the church office during office hours (Tues-Thurs 9 AM – 1 PM) to reserve your time slot. Reservations can be made **thru August 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AT SUNDAY WORSHIP** - We are offering nursery care and junior church programs at our 11 AM service only until further notice. We are still looking for help with our Junior church program. Summer curriculum is simplified and a lot of fun with the kids for about 20 minutes downstairs in the fellowship hall. If you would like to volunteer contact Mike Barton.

**SAVE THE DATE** – All Church Picnic on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM! Picnic will be outdoors. Bring a lunch.

**THANK YOU** to all who generously donated time, talents, and resources to help make the children's summer ministry events successful!

**DRIVEWAY VISIT WITH PASTOR STEVE** – Please call the church office or send Pastor Steve an email if you are interested in scheduling a socially distant outdoor visit with him at your home.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Doug and Lori McCann and family at the passing of his mother, Joanne McCann.

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