

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

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

August 23, 2020

*“I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*

*Romans 12:1*

**PRELUDE**

Debbe Picerno

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: All that we are is a gift from God.

P: **The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,**

L: All that we have is a gift from God.

P: **The world, and those who live in it;**

L: There are no words to describe the wonders of God’s creation.

P: **For God has founded it on the seas,**

ALL: **Rejoice as we join together in praise for God’s great gifts.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMN                      **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” - 9 AM**                      No. 210

**“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” - 9 AM**                      No. 597

**“God of This City” - 11 AM**

**“Take My Life” - 11 AM**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits. You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self. We tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least among us with more resources than most of the world. We resist sharing. Forgive us for using your blessings for self rather than service. Teach us that we have been blessed to be a blessing. Pour out your grace on us that we may be faithful with what you have given to us. 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**

**Proverbs 10:9**

**ANTHEM**

**“10,000 Reasons”**

**Susan Mossgrove**

**Mike Sanderson**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 16:1-15**

**SERMON**

**“The Shrewd Manager”**

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

**“Be Thou My Vision ” - 9 AM**

**No. 562**

**“Blessed Be Your Name” - 11 AM**

**POSTLUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are presented in honor of Michael and Loraine Bowser's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by their daughters, Jennifer, Jessica, and Cayce.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**MONDAY:** 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  
**TUESDAY:** 1 PM Charlotte's Bible Study 1 PM Quilting  
**WEDNESDAY:** 9 AM Coffee & Conversations  
**FRIDAY:** 8 PM Youth Group Movie Night  
**SUNDAY 30th:** 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic

**WORSHIP SERVICE** – We will be continuing with our 2 services for the time being. Unless otherwise notified, we will assume you are continuing your current worship time. If you would like to be added to either service time, please contact the church office. There is plenty of room.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AT SUNDAY WORSHIP** - Junior Church and Nursery Care are available during our 11 AM service.

**YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT** – August 28th at 8 PM. Outdoor adventure with Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Popcorn and drinks provided. Invite a friend!

**CHURCH PICNIC** - We will gather for an outdoor worship service on the Miller St side of the church at 10 AM on August 30th. Bring your own chair and lunch for a picnic following the service. We will notify the church via email on Saturday if there is rain in the forecast. If it rains, we will return to indoor worship at 9 and 11 AM. In the event of rain, the picnic and outdoor worship will be rescheduled for September 6th.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - We will be offering a socially distant Sunday School between the two services beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:10 AM. More details to follow.

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