

**September 11, 2016**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude:** Chorale Prelude on *Rejoice, Rejoice* A. Miller

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn:** #806 *I'll Praise My Maker*

**Joys & Concerns**

**Introit:** *Here In This Place*

**Call to Worship**

One: God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.  
Who is seeking after God above all else?

**All: We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth;  
we reach out to be strengthened for service.**

One: The winds of God blow among us to winnow and  
cleanse. They sweep through our midst in  
judgment.

**All: Have mercy on us, O God, and wash away our  
sin. Do not let your wrath burn against us.**

One: Remember your promises to us O God. Create in  
us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

**All: We seek to know you and to grow in  
understanding. Confront us here and light our  
way out of the void.**

One: Come let us worship together!

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Hear our cries, O God, for we recognize our need for your  
mercy. We are fearful to encounter you, yet we cannot  
live without you. We are like lost sheep who have  
wandered away from the best we know and cannot find  
our way back. We want you to find us, but we fear your  
punishment. Come, Good Shepard, to rescue us from  
ourselves. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

We have been fools. We have said in our hearts, "There is  
no God." Our deeds deny you. Our plans do not include  
you. We grumble and complain, criticizing those who  
embody your love for all people. We have turned aside  
from the way of those who embody your love for all  
people. We have turned aside from the way you  
commanded. Our greed is robbing this fruitful land and  
creating a desert. The world is full of suffering people  
whom we ignore. O God, is there any hope for us? Hear  
now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking  
mercy, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

**Moment of Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of God's Love**

**\*Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and  
to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 51:1-10**

(Page 640 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scripture –**

**Exodus 32:7-14**

(Page 97 HS in the pew bible)

**Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)**

**\*Hymn:** #378 *We Wait The Peaceful Kingdom*

**Offering of Gifts**

**Anthem:** *Canticle of Fellowship* Craig Courtney

**\*Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye  
heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**New Testament – Luke 15:1-10**

(Page 95 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** *Peace Through Understanding*  
Reverend Diane Monti Catania

**Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**

**Response:** *We are the young, our lives are a mystery*

**\*Hymn:** #375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

**Benediction**

**Response:** *Not in the dark of buildings confining*

**Postlude:** *Toccata from Suite Gothique* Leon Boellman  
(\* Please stand if able)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and  
fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are Clare  
Rashkoff and Sheryl Knapp.*

*Hearing assist devices are available; please see an usher if  
you would like to use one.*

Our Lay Reader today is Mary O'Neill.

Our ushers today are Joe Catania & Vance Hanlon.

*The flowers are donated by Eleanor Owens.*

**Prayer List**

*Lynne Kronholm, Paul McAbee, Mark Lundeen, Jose Luis  
Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting,  
Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria  
Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty  
Scribner, family and friends of: Norman Sills, Charles Cook,  
and Ron Grimalia.*

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

|           |                                   |
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| Today     | 11:15 am Christian Action Meeting |
|           | 11:30 am Trustees Meeting         |
| Monday    | 7pm Jazz Rehearsal                |
| Tuesday   | 5:30 pm Faith Discussions         |
| Wednesday | 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal           |
| Thursday  | 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat          |
|           | 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study       |
|           | 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting          |
|           | 7 pm HousaTonics                  |
| Friday    | 7:30 am Men's Bible Study         |

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

**TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP**

A group gathers on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am in the Wardell Room of the Scoville Memorial Library for meditation prior to the worship service. Open to all!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men's Bible Study meets on Friday mornings in the Parish Hall Library at 7:30 am. The group is studying the Book of Acts. All are welcome ~ no bible experience necessary.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library. The group will be studying the Book of John and discussing the *Peace Through Understanding* programs. All are welcome to attend.

**PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING~September 18**

Salisbury Congregational Church, the Scoville Memorial Library and the new Salisbury Sinfonietta Inc. will host the first *Peace Through Understanding* event. The series is designed to offer a glimpse into the beliefs, traditions, art, music and poetry of different cultures. At this first event the public is invited to welcome our Muslim friends to Salisbury. A dialogue at 2:00 pm at the Scoville Memorial Library is entitled **Understanding Islam** and will be led by Sr. Nicole Correrri, a nationally recognized Muslim Educator. A concert at 3:00 pm is entitled **Mozart à la Türk** and takes place in the Meeting House. The dialogue and concert are free. Donations at the door are welcome to help support future free concerts. Following the dialogue and concert, there is a reception in the Parish Hall where audience members may meet the artists.

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