

July 10, 2016
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Prelude in B-Flat Major J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #7 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Jesus stand among us*

Call to Worship

One: God calls together a divine council to render judgment. God holds a plumb line to measure our faithfulness.

All: Who can stand before the judgment of God? How shall we know what God expects of us?

One: Lift up your prayers for God's mercy. Earnestly seek to know the ways of truth and salvation.

All: Can we distinguish faithfulness from popular success? What must we do to inherit eternal life?

One: God's judgment comes to all nations of the earth. God's covenant with us involves care for all people.

All: Will God deliver us from the hands of the wicked? Will God put an end to wanton treachery?

One: Come let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Inviting, welcoming, compassionate God, as you moved in the lives of the saints who have gone before us, move in our lives. In this time of worship, prepare us to journey to unknown territory, to listen for your voice, and to speak your prophetic and liberating word in a world that often does not want to hear. Empowered by your Spirit, grant us the courage we need to become your loving, faithful, giving people. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Righteous God, we confess our easy compliance with ways of the world. We are happy to accept advantages for ourselves that are unavailable to many. We do not call oppressors to account or recognize our own oppressive ways. We pass by many who suffer, as if their suffering were no concern of ours. Our practice of the faith gives neither offense nor inspiration. We are troubled when we see ourselves this way. Redeem us, O God! 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 82

(Page 666 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures –

Amos 7:7-17

(Page 1048 HS in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** *Fairest Lord Jesus (Insert)*

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *If With All Your Heart* Felix Mendelssohn
Deryl Godshall, tenor

***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 Reading – Colossians 3:1-17

(Page 246 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Making the Most of It"

The Reverend Richard Reifsnnyder

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Response: *Breathe the Holy Spirit into every Heart*

***Hymn:** #366 *God of Grace & Glory of God*

Benediction

Response: *Thus with quickened footsteps*

Postlude: Fugue in B-Flat Major J.S. Bach

(* Please stand if able)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is Nancy Kellett.

Our ushers today are Stephanie Tierney & Kathy Mera. Our Lay Reader today is Theresa Carroll.

Special thanks to tenor Deryl Godshall for enhancing worship with the beautiful aria from *Elijah*.

The flowers are donated by the Maxwell Family.

Hearing Assist Devices are available in the narthex.

Prayer List

Rosanne Lamson, John Merwin, Jack Ritchie, Mark Lundeen, Dan Rashkoff, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Rosie Bell, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Ben & the Godfrey Family, Brenda and Joe.

Pastor Diane will be on sabbatical leave from June 13th through August 13th. For pastoral emergencies please contact Sarah Zarbock (860) 435-8139 or call the church office (860) 435-2442. Thank you.

Rich Reifsnyder recently retired after serving forty-four years as a Presbyterian minister. He began his ministry as Assistant Minister of Salisbury Congregational Church in 1971-73 and then served churches in New Jersey, New York, Virginia, the last twenty-one years as pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Winchester, VA. Rich and his wife Lynn, a retired teacher and Salisbury native, have been worshipping here, singing in the choir and playing in the hand bell choir since moving back to the community last August.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
 7 pm Faith Discussions in the Parish Hall
 Saturday 11 am Graveside service for
 Mary Claire Ullram

OPPORTUNITIES

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, July 16th at 11 am for Mary Claire Ullram. It will be held at the Salisbury Cemetery, North End. Lunch will follow at the White Hart. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations can be made to the church in memory of Mary Claire.

TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP

A group gathers on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am in the Parish Hall for meditation prior to the worship service. Open to all!

FAITH TALK

Kevin Wolgemuth initiated a discussion group for people interested in exploring questions of faith over the summer. The group meets on Thursday evenings from 7-8 pm in the Parish Hall for anyone who is interested. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome!

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