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**8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**



**July 23, 2017**



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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Music by the Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *Everybody Ought to Know*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

\*PRAISE *I Will Rise*  
*Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*  
*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Thy Word*

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*  
*Romans 8:18-25*

SERMON *"GOD'S SPIRIT: Brings Hope"*

OFFERING SONG *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Song *Come to Jesus*

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Altar Flowers

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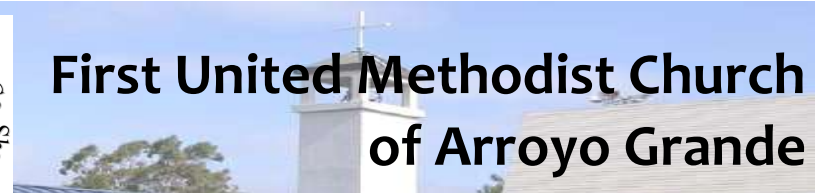
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**CENTERING WORDS**

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Hebrews 11:1

**WELCOMING OUR VISITORS**

**PRELUDE** Brethren, We Have Met to Worship William Moore

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen, dream, believe.  
**We yearn to be seeds growing in God's field.**  
 Trust this truth of Christ:  
**We are the flowers of God's field, the sheep of Christ's pasture.**  
 Come as we listen, dream, and yearn for belief together.  
**We are dreamers and visionaries, growing in the love of God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** Be Thou My Vision No. 451

**OPENING PRAYER (seated)**

**Creator and creative God, create in us  
 joyous hearts and dreaming spirits.  
 Create through us.  
 Dream with us.  
 Guide us to envision and create your realm on this earth.  
 In joyous hope, we pray. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Patti Melsheimer

Nursery care is available.  
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Choral Call to Prayer	Spirit of the Living God	No. 393
Congregational Prayer		
Choral Response	Spirit of the Living God	No. 393

SPECIAL MUSIC *Friends* Michael W. Smith

Julie Burns, *soloist*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
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HYMN (*remain seated*) *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 454

SERMON "GOD'S SPIRIT: Brings Hope"

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)* Getty/Townend

\*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*HYMN *My Hope is Built* No. 368

\*BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with joy.  
May the Spirit of hope fill you with peace.  
And may Christ's love overflow in your life,  
that you may bring hope to everyone you meet.

\*RESPONSE *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, The Lord is King* John Darwall



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