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**8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**



**SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, 2019 8:30 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

HANDBELL INTROIT *A Gospel Hymn Ring* Tammy Waldrop

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

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PRAISE SONGS *Open the Eyes of My Heart  
Be the Strength of My Life  
God of All Splendor*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Bless the Lord Oh My Soul*

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14

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Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday to our father

**BOB ATWOOD**

on what would have been his

100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

September 14<sup>th</sup>

from Judy Atwood & Cristy Van Hook

Today we welcome back Leonard Lutz and the Grande Ringers at both services. The handbells will be ringing on the third Sundays of the month.

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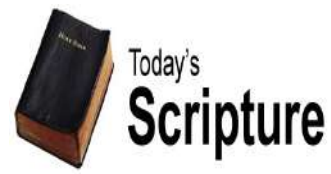
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CENTERING WORDS

*Searching, seeking, wondering, thinking...  
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Bring your questions and open your hearts,  
for God has invited us here.*

PRELUDE *In Pastures Green* Alexander Schreiner

BELL INTROIT *A Gospel Hymn Ring* Tammy Waldrop

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, disciples of Jesus.  
**Rest in the arms of God's love!**  
Come, just as you are.  
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\*OPENING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* No. 369

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, we come like sheep to the shepherd—  
some of us following meekly,  
some of us following bravely,  
some of us wandering alone.  
Gather us in.  
Make us one with you,  
and make us one with each other,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Leonard Lutz

*Jesus Loves Me (as children come and go)  
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers.*

BELL ANTHEM *Highland Cathedral* Julie Turner & Kevin McChesney

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Do, Lord, Remember Me* No. 527  
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *Do, Lord, Remember Me* No. 527

HYMN (remain seated) *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* No. 357

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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *Andante in F* Louis Verne  
 \*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication  
*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.*

\*CLOSING HYMN *Sweet House of Prayer* No. 496

\*BENEDICTION

Christ has welcomed us here.  
**The Spirit sends us forth.**  
 God has called us to serve.  
**Christ has shown us how.**  
 Go, servants of God.  
**Love and serve the Lord!**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* No. 404  
 (congregation sings refrain)

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
 Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus* Theodore Dubois



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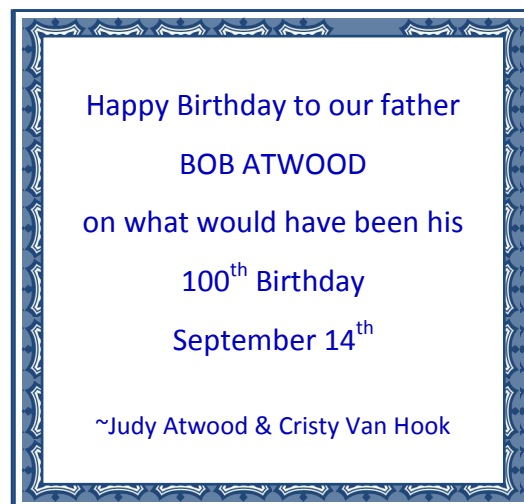
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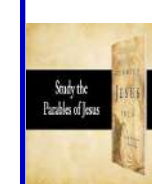


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