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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



AUGUST 7, 2016



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August 7, 2016 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM
Music by The Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE Hosanna
WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH
*PRAISE We Fall Down
Come to the Water
Bless the Lord Oh My Soul

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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SONG OF ILLUMINATION What a Friend We Have in Jesus
SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12
SERMON "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL"
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COMMUNION SUNDAY

CENTERING WORDS

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—Matthew 5:7

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Your Grace is Enough* Matt Maher

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With patience and love, we come as one family.
We are one body of Christ, united in God.
Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.
We gather to listen and to share our stories.
We are God’s children, parts of Christ’s purpose.
We rejoice in our gifts, thanking God for this grace.

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

UNISON PRAYER

God of unity and love,
place within each of us
a spirit of hope and community.
When we speak without love
or act without humility,
have mercy upon us.
Cleanse us with the living water of your grace,
and create in us hearts of patience and gentleness.
Raise us up to be your disciples
who grow in faith and love.
Strengthen this church,
that we may be a model
of ministry and unity.
In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Know, dear friends, that the love of Christ weaves us together.
As the living water and the bread of life, Christ nourishes us with newness of life.
Forgiveness and reconciliation are ours, both now and forevermore. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Be for your neighbors the presence of God. Be for one another the peace of Christ. Let's share signs of unity and love.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are an Offering

Rex Miller, Soloist

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PRAYER BOOK

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *He is Lord* No. 177
 Congregational Prayer
 Choral Response *He is Lord* No. 177

SCRIPTURE

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***HYMN**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me No. 521

MEDITATION

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL"
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OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Let's Just Praise the Lord* Bill and Gloria Gaither
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95
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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal, page 15

Communion Music *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* S. Temple
Blest Are They From FAITH WE SING

***CLOSING HYMN**

Precious Name No. 536

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth to lead lives worthy of Christ's call.
Joined together as one, we are strengthened to share our gifts with the world.
 Make every effort to maintain this unity.
Knit together by Christ, we are ready to serve!

***RESPONSE**

Something Beautiful No. 394

Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion he understood; all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife, but he made something beautiful of my life.

POSTLUDE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Henry Purcell

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