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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



SEPTEMBER 11, 2016



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by The Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE Revive Us Again

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PRAISE Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
All the People Said Amen
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

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SERMON "FIRST THINGS FIRST"
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OFFERING SONG More Precious Than Silver

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion
Communion Song Revelation Song
Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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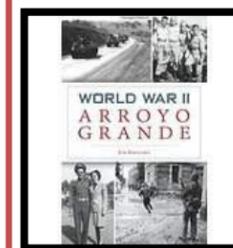


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CENTERING WORDS

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Worthy is the Lamb

Don Wyrzten

INTROIT

Clap Your Hands

In Faith We Sing # 2028

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are lost are welcome here.

All who are found are welcome here.

All who are searching are welcome here.

All whose search has ended are welcome here.

Rejoice and sing praises . . .

there are treasures worth seeking.

Laugh and dance for joy . . .

we are treasures worth finding.

Let us travel together on a journey worth taking.

*OPENING HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life

No. 600

OPENING PRAYER

Shepherding God, search for us when we are lost.

Run to us, when we seek your face.

Walk alongside us as we seek others who are lost, and lead us to those who need us most.

Focus our thoughts and efforts this day,

whether we are looking for the lost

or looking to be found.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Judy Atwood

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.

ANTHEM

This is My Word

Pepper Choplin

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM PRAYER BOOK

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Blessed Be the Name* No. 63
 Congregational Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895
 Choral Response *Blessed Be the Name* No. 63

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*HYMN *Thy Word is a Lamp* No. 601

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OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *You're the Word of God* Townend/Getty
 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.*

*CLOSING HYMN *O Word of God Incarnate* No. 598

*BENEDICTION

Go to find the lost.
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*RESPONSE *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Thomas Williams

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 Psalm 119 vs. 105*

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