SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION  
August 6, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
9th Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH
Butterfly Waltz  
Brian Crain  
(Lauren Decker, violin)

*GATHERING HYMN NO. 47  
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies  
(Please sing the first verse only.)

*MOMENT FOR GREETING
PRESENTATION OF THE DAVID PARROTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EMPHASES

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP
(Let the Congregation prepare for worship with silent prayer.)

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Hymn of Promise  
Natalie Sleath  
(Lauren Decker, violin)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Let us come into the presence of God to be fed. We call upon God who is eager to answer.
People: We gather to seek God’s face, that our eyes might see truth and righteousness.
Leader: God draws near to all who call and seek. Let us come to God and receive a blessing.
People: We are here to receive God’s blessings for God is a refuge in a frightening world.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*GATHERING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 81  
Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION
MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)
Gracious Lord, you have given us all we have needed, just as you have promised. Your bread has always been sufficient to sustain us, and your gifts of faithful companions have made our lives rich with love and security. Yet we seek after other bread, and break faith with friends who have been faithful to us. In turning away from these, your gifts, we have rejected you. Forgive our ingratitude and unfaithfulness. Renew us by your love, that we may embrace with thanksgiving and singleness of heart all your good gifts of love – that your lips would declare and our lives would display genuine gratitude and unwavering confidence that your love for us will never fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF ASSURANCE
Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness, interceding for us and for all God’s saints.
People: God points us to the way of forgiveness and freedom.
Leader: In everything, God works for good with all who love God and are called according to God’s purposes.
People: Before we even were, God planned for us to share the image of Christ, to live as believers, to share in the covenant. Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI
Hymn No. 546

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
(Children 3K – 2nd grade may leave for the Children’s Worship Service. McArn Building, Rm. 40)

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 85  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Anthem  
This is My Father’s World  
(Lauren Decker, violin)

The Doxology  
*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE
Genesis 32:22-31  
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Leader: These are the words of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON
“Going Toe to Toe with God”  
Rev. John Hallman

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
SHARING THE ELEMENTS: As the Elements are passed to your neighbor, please say: “This is the Body of Christ” for the bread and “This is the Blood of Christ” for the grape juice.

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 339  
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

THE GREETING OF PEACE
Leader: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able will please stand.
The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Shep and Alanna Shepherd by their daughter Sharon. The white rosebud placed on the communion table is in loving memory of Joe Anderson. Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad that you have come to share in worship with us. Please feel encouraged to participate in any of the activities of the church. Again, welcome. A Nursery for small children is available during both worship services in the McArn Building, Room 38.

As you leave worship you are given the opportunity to contribute to the church’s Discretionary Fund, which will be used to meet emergency needs of the people in the community. The ushers will be at the door to accept your gift.
CONGREGATIONAL NOTES
August 6, 2017

SUNDAY
9:00 AM  Sunday School
10:00 AM  Worship Service
11:00 AM  Church Picnic

MONDAY
10:00 AM  Member Care
11:00 AM  Pilates

TUESDAY
6:30 PM  CE Meeting

WEDNESDAY
2:00 PM  Water Day

SATURDAY
8:00 AM  Red Cross Blood Drive

GREETER CAPTAIN:  10:00 AM  Art Maxwell
PILATES CAPTAIN:  10:00 AM  Jerry Hughes

PRAYER CONCERNS:
MEMBERS:  Max Ford, Scotty Martin, Bill Ford, Walter Barron, Ruth Anne Pullum, Susan Marshall, Jim and Gail Sinclair

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:  Lou Beth Kelly (Jody’s mother), Jim Holmes (friend of Serena Ogburn), Betty Whitman (Debbie Herman’s mother), Kathy Dukes (John Thomas’ sister), Connie Woodham (friend of Jim and Jo McLeod), Robin Brittain (Debbie Herman’s sister), Amelia Berry (Steve Jones’ aunt), John Dinlocker (son-in-law of the Roberts, deployed to Kuwait), Collins Watts (child – friend of Prestages), Doug Gore (Merry Bradley’s brother), Amy Mulaney (friend of Susan Coble), Mary Rudolf (Ian Wilcox’s grandmother), Jan Moore and family (friend of the Popes), Gary and Lyn Evergam (Betsy McLeod’s brother & sister-in-law), Jimmy Lee (Don Pope’s friend), Bruce Quarantello (nephew of Bob & Pat Clithero), Cal Mitchell (friend of the Parrott’s), Margaret Kelley (friend of Elizabeth Shaw), Virgil Prince (Nancy Tucker’s father)

GUEST MUSICIAN:  Lauren, her husband David and two children live in the Springhill section of Lee County. She is the Children’s Librarian at the Kershaw County Library. She also teaches violin. We welcome her and thank her for her contribution to our worship service today.

COMMUNION MUSIC
The Servant Song by Richard Gilliard performed by Lauren Decker.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sunday, June 4 - Sunday, September 3
9:00 AM  Sunday School
10:00 AM  Worship Service

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
In memory of Bebe Myers and Joyce Watkins
August 12, 2017
8:00am-1:00pm Westminster Hall
Please sign up with the church office or go online at redcross.org
to schedule an appointment and us sponsor code: CamdenBethesda.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC TODAY!
Everyone is invited to stay for our annual summer picnic in Westminster Hall immediately following our worship service this morning. Join us for good food and fellowship!
The menu includes fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls and dessert.
Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
Adult Sunday School Classes - will not be meeting as usual in order to give our teachers a much deserved break. HOWEVER, WE WILL HAVE AN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS! All adults are invited and encouraged to attend Pastor John Hallman’s Sunday School class. Curriculum – “The Shack” (book and movie). This study will help you go deeper into the themes of the movie through this powerful study that offers hope for those who have experienced tragedy, are questioning God's love and goodness, and for those who want to grow stronger in their faith.
Youth - (Middle and High School) will meet together in the Youth Room. Dr. John Gardner will continue teaching through the summer with Lisa O’Bradovich as assistant. YOUTH, you will not want to miss Sunday School this summer as John (and Lisa) have some fun, interesting, and interactive lessons and activities planned for you!
Children - For children who have completed 3k - 5th grade, we will combine these children with various teachers including: Frances Guy, Leslie Coplin, Betty Metzger, Ellen Stephenson, and Brent Kendall.

BETHESDA EPIC YOUTH
SAVE THE DATE - October 20-22 (CHS Away, LEHS Home, NO Carolina or Clemson Weekend).
We are going to Tracey’s Camp for a weekend retreat! It will be a weekend of renewal, burning our sins and washing away our iniquities.

PILATES AUGUST SCHEDULE
Pilates will meet every Monday in August at 11:00AM in John Knox Hall.