

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
October 7, 2018
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Welcome: It's time to celebrate, we are in the presence of God. We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. We'd like to keep you informed of what we are doing, so please give us your email, too.

* Please stand as you are able.
† 8:45 Worship Only †† 11:00 Worship Only

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE **ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

VOLUNTARY **Let Us Break Bread Together** Daniel Burton
Amy Marsh, cello (b. 1944)

* **OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

In this sacred moment, we come to you, and we lay our lives before you. Along with brothers and sisters around the world, we worship and adore you with every fiber of our being. As we meet at the table, may we experience, once again, the power of your grace and forgiveness. Amen.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 73**

O Worship the King **LYONS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE **O Jesus, I Have Promised** **ANGEL'S STORY**

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

UMH No. 396, Stanza 1

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Children ages 4—first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 304.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Joshua 2:1-21** OT Page 194

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Hebrews 11:30-31** NT Page 226

SERMON **"People of the Book: Rahab"**
Rev. Ross Carter

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† **OFFERTORY** **Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness**
Amy Marsh, cello Daniel Burton
UMH No. 612

†† **OFFERTORY** **For Everyone Born** arr. Tom Trenney
Chancel Choir (b. 1977)
Amy Marsh, cello

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy! For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, a system that's fair, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy! For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy! Joy! For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free! And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

*-Shirley Erena Murray
(b. 1931)*

* **DOXOLOGY** **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
UMH No. 94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)

Most Holy God, this morning we give our tithes and offerings with hope that we might ground ourselves in gratitude for the blessings that we so easily come to take for granted. We pray for eyes to see clearly your faithfulness to us, and ask that you would help us to be as faithful to you. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

† **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** **UMH No. 17**

†† **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** **UMH No. 24**

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Sharing of Bread and Cup

After sharing Communion, you are invited to take an October prayer card to use in your daily prayer life.

† **COMMUNION** **Triptyque, Op. 58** Louis Vierne
II. Communion (1870-1937)

†† **COMMUNION** **I Am the Bread of Life** Suzanne Toolan
Chancel Choir (b. 1927)

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons. And I will raise you up on the last day. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever. And I will raise you up on the last day. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. And I will raise you up on the last day. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever. And I will raise you up on the last day. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world. And I will raise you up on the last day.

-Based on John 6

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **HYMN NO. 575** **Onward Christian Soldiers** **ST. GERTRUDE**

* **PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Paeon** Peter Hurford
(b. 1930)

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

	8:45	11:00
Liturgist:	JoAnn Barbour	
Communion Servers:	JoAnn Barbour	Chris & Betsy Huneycutt
Lay Reader:	Willard Haggins	Fred Glassford
Acolytes:	Liza Self	Jacob Garrison and Maddie Mills
Crucifer:		Stephen Andress

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lee.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Miller (Winston and Peggy) by Drs. Art and Aileen Miller.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in October are Teresa Chandler, Trisha Craig, Marianna Harris, Betty Huneycutt, and Marie Ray.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the Reading Area and the Narthex Area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members Gene and Elizabeth Fonville, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today is World Communion Sunday. Your offering helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. Offering envelopes are provided for your gift.

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING

Do you have questions about joining the membership of Front Street? Have you joined the church in the past year, and would like to learn more about how to get plugged in? Join Pastor Ross and his wife Sarah at their home on **October 21 at 7:00 p.m.** for dessert, where information will be shared about the UMC and Front Street, in particular. Please email Pastor Ross (ross@frontstreetumc.org) to RSVP.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with greeting and checking in families on the days of the church directory photo sessions: **October 26-27, 29-30 and November 1-3.** Please email Pamela at pamela@frontstreetumc.org or call 336-227-6263 to volunteer.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

The Front Street UMC Columbarium is now ready for us to take reservations for niches. Please contact the church office, and make an appointment to select a niche and complete the appropriate paperwork. Full details can be found at www.frontstreetumc.org/features

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare is a 13-week seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the loss of a loved one. If you would be interested in participating in a GriefShare group this fall, please contact Carol Sineath in the church office or by email at csineath@frontstreetumc.org.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
9/9	0	0	234	17	251
9/16	36	41	188	15	280
9/23	39	42	191	9	281
9/30	61	51	218	9	339

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2018

Sunday, October 7

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Sanctuary Worship	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 307
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 303
6:00	UMYF/Confirmation Class	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, October 9

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Reading Area
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 305
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	UMW Circle 5	Heritage Center

Wednesday, October 10

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
6:00	Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Lay Leadership & Nominations Com. Meeting	John Wesley Room

Thursday, October 11

2:00	Thursday Afternoon Book Study	Room 409
7:00	Building & Grounds Meeting	Ministry Center
7:00	Worship Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room

Sunday, October 14

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:30	Jeanne Robertson Show	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
4:00	Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00	Wesley Ringers	Room 307
5:00	Youth Bells	Bell Room
5:00	Disciple Bible Study	Room 303
6:00	UMYF /Confirmation Class	Aldersgate Hall

LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the Sanctuary a non-video zone. The balcony is also available for non-video seating. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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