

Morning Worship
July 8, 2018
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Dialogue on "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* Wold

Choral Introit *As the Deer*

*Call to Worship Cathy Chapman

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

The morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.

We have seen the deeds of the Lord, who commands and raises the stormy wind and also makes the storm be still. We ourselves have seen the wondrous deeds of the Lord!

Let us worship God; let us pray:

*Prayer of the Day

O Lord our God, when we cry out to you in distress, you bring us through desperate circumstances. You can quiet the storm to a whisper and hush the sea's waves, so great is your power. Help us to trust you, then, whatever we may face, knowing that you will lead us to the harbor we have been hoping for. We offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

*Hymn 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Call to Confession

When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great.

When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us.

When life is uncertain, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us, we question who you are.

Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness (2 Cor. 5:6-10, 14-17)

Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love.

Live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism.

Friends, declare the good news of your salvation,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon Cathy Chapman
Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Prayer for Illumination
Gospel Lesson Mark 4:35-41
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

"Stalled By Fear"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

* Declaration of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

PW Honorary Life Membership Award Cathy Chapman

Prayers of the People (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Offertory *It Is Well With My Soul* Jordan

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee**

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Amen*

* Postlude *Voluntary on "Jesus Shall Reign"* Dickson

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God.

Usher/Greeter Team for July

Vernon White and Tom Hammer

Prayer List as of July 8, 2018

Benny Moore	Dee Pierce
Gerry Rogers	Pam Chapman

Residents at Presbyterian Communities of SC
Artha Sompayrac – Summerville
B. J. Moore - Summerville

Copies of the **extended prayer list** (which includes non-members) can be obtained by calling the church office.

To be a good steward of God's blessings, please help "**fill the wagon**" for the McArn Community Ministry. The red wagon will be in the narthex every Sunday. Thanks for your generosity!

