April 15, 2018

During Worship, we offer a nursery for children under 5. The nursery is in the northeast hallway of the church. Ask anyone for directions.

Gathering

Welcome
Prelude
Be Thou My Vision
Rev. Laurie Lewis
Carol Anne Smock
Introduction to Worship
Dori Howerter

*Call to Worship

WL: Like the sun that is far away and yet close enough to warm us, So God's Spirit is ever present and around us.

P: Come Creator, into our lives.

L: We live and move and have our very being in you.

P: Open the windows of our souls, let your light shine in.

*Hymn Thine is the Glory 218

*Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Word

Scripture Lesson begins 1 John 1:1-5 N.T. 221
Sharing the Names on Our Hearts

Lift up the name of someone who needs our prayers.

Prayer Hymn Surely the Presense 263
Community Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts")
Scripture Lesson continues 1 John 1:6-2:2 N.T. 221

L: The Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri 36

Anthem Miracle of Mercy-Lowell Alexander, B. Gaither, J. Silbey, arr.-Marty Parks

Chancel Choir

Sermon On the Side of Angels and Feeling a Little Devilish

Hymn Amazing Grace 546 (1,2)

The Lord's Table

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory All to Jesus I Surrender Carol Anne Smock
*Great is Thy Faithfulness 86(refrain only)
*Prayer of Dedication Don Barcus
Hymn We Come as Guest Invited 382(1,2)

Invitation to Share in the Feast

We believe that every person who confesses faith in Jesus Christ, whether he/she is a member of this congregation or not, is welcome to join us as we break bread together.

Please partake in the bread and cup as it is passed.

Words of Institution

 It was on that night in the Upper Room, Jesus took the bread, he blessed it, and broke it saying,

P: This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

L: Then He took the cup after Supper saying,

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Prayer of Blessing Janie Barcus

Going Forth

Invitation to Membership

If you would like to join our church, either by confession of faith prior to Baptism or by transferring your membership from another congregation, please come forward during the hymn and the minister will welcome you.

*Hymn Shine, Jesus Shine Chalice Praise 39(1,2)

The Light of Christ leads us out into the World

Postlude You Raise Me Up Carol Anne Smock

(*Indicates to stand as you are able)

Please join us for coffee and tea in Fellowship Hall

THE SUNDAY EDITION

Welcome! We strive to make the Lord's house a place of joy. With joy, we welcome you and pray that you're filled with hope and happiness as you lift up your heart to God.

DW Project – April 2018

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital of Memphis, TN

No child should die before they enjoy living. No child should have to endure radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and surgery- away from home for weeks, months or longer-away from family and friends-experiencing extreme pain and weakness.

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), the most common childhood cancer, afflicts children of all ages. Fifty years ago, only 4% would live. Today, although the St. Jude survival rate is now 80%-sadly, one in five children still lose their hard fought battle. A family loses their precious gift from God. No parent should ever lose a child-life forever changes.

No bill is ever received for treatments, travel, housing, or food; allowing parents to focus all their thoughts and attention on their child. Spirits are raised with each birthday, graduation, and holiday celebration-much love is exchanged.

Our hearts go out to these children and their families. Ongoing research, freely shared around the world, results in improved treatments-but these prove to be <u>very</u> costly. Let us show our love and support by giving generously; thanking God most of us have been spared this heartache.

This is money well spent-I guarantee.

We invite the congregation to join us. Mark your envelope "St. Jude."

Our thanks and love to all of you for caring and giving.



Serving Today (April15)

Deacons: Elaine Harris, Dori Howerter, Sandy Womeldroff, & Barbara Robbins

Elders: Don & Janie Barcus Serving Next Week (April 22)

Deacons: Jerry Janssen, Jeanette Horton, Elaine Hudson, & Valerie McElroy

Elders: Jewell Reed & Anne Maloney

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Emerge Into the Light

On the Side of Angels and Feeling a Little Devilish

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^{*}If you know of someone graduating this year please call the church office with that information.