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Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760

Remembering the Past, Serving in the Present, Anticipating the Future

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 1, 2017

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

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Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Father in heaven, You have blessed us with another day and we are so grateful. We have set aside this day to worship You. It seems a small measure of time compared to the great care You show us each and every moment. But, our hope is that in these few moments You will be glorified in all that we say and do and sing. We have planned and prepared our songs and words, but they are nothing if not from You. We ask that You be the center of our worship; where You lead us we will follow. Lead on, O God. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Praise (All)

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

--Philippians 2:10-11, 13

*Hymn of Praise

At the Name of Jesus

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we come before You full of ourselves — not empty of conceit so that we may be filled with Your Spirit. We have failed to love You above all, and our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the less fortunate and have not spoken out for the Gospel. We have not fully used the gifts You have blessed us with to further Your kingdom. Forgive us. Help us to be faithful disciples. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Response (All) *Bless the Lord O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)* Refrain

God's Grace and Promise

Leader: Beloved, hear these words from the gospel of John: "God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

People: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

Leader: Believe the Good News of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* All

*Response *Doxology with Alleluias* 609

*Prayer of Dedication

Though I am humble, though I am small, though I am living my quiet life, I have power, Lord, to help others see. I have power, Lord, to help others smile. I have power, Lord, to be productive and effective in Your work. I share the news! I share the news! You have risen, Lord, and we are loved. Amen.

-Christopher DeVinck, *Simple Wonders: A Book of Meditations* (Zondervan, 1995), 164

Proclaiming The Word

God's Word for Children Mrs. Lorie Lewis
(Children 3 years old through First Grade may leave for Kid's Time)

Anthem (Chancel Choir) *Be Present At Our Table, Lord* Robert Lau

Lectio Divina (Prayerful Reading) Exodus 17:1-7
Lectio Divina is an ancient method for praying with the Bible, being open to hearing in the words of Scripture a personally enlivening and transforming word from God.

Centering Prayer

'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' (X3)

Great Silence

The sound of the Bell signals the beginning and the ending of this time for listening with the ears of our hearts, for seeking to rest in God's embrace. As the silence begins, you may wish to allow your breathing to slow, the muscles of your face and neck and shoulders to relax and place your hands on your knees, palms up and open.

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God's Word Visible

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Brief Silence

Write down your prayer, your commitment, your hurt, your confession, that you might turn it over to God when you come forward and place it in the basket.

Communion of the People

Come forward to place your offering in the basket, pray in silence, and receive the Sacrament. Those who choose to remain in their seats will be served in their pew and they can have an usher or a member of the family bring their offering forward.



*Closing Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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Charge

Leader: What is the greatest commandment?

People: Love the Lord our God with heart, soul and mind.

Leader: And the second is like it:

People: Love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Let us go out from this place and serve the world

People: We are set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, committed to live in the love of God, and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

May you leave here this morning renewed by, and filled with, the Holy Spirit, prepared to serve God, proclaiming Jesus as the name above all names. Amen.

Pray quietly if you like and leave when you are ready.