

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP ... *adapted from Psalm 51*

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

P: Cleanse us from our sins.

L: You desire truth in the inward being;

P: Teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

P: and put a new and right spirit within each of us.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord" ...p. 214.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Exodus 32:7-14* Reggie Jackson

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

HYMN ... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 56

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most loving and gracious God, we come before you in gratitude for your patience with us. We run away, and you seek us. We make foolish choices, and you teach us the better way.

We hurt you and others, and instead of retaliating, you forgive us. Help us, we pray. Forgive us, and use us to bear the light of your truth, love and mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"...vs. 1, 2 and 354

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Luke 15:1-10*..... Molly Abbott

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

ANTHEM ... "We Are Not Alone"Choir

SERMON ... *Changing God's Mind*Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "Grace Greater than Our Sin" ...vs. 1 and 3305

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

10:40 a.m. **Deacon Election**
4:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Recreation

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... Team 1
6:45 p.m. Bible Study and Youth and Children's programs

