

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Classic Services

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

Dr. Jan Davis (8:30)
Dr. Steve Pulliam (10:45)

Opening Voluntary *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Larry Shackley
Frode Gundersen, piano

* **Call to Worship** Rev. Greg Gibson

Pastor: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.

* **Hymn 60** *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* OLD 113th

* **Affirmation of Faith 881** (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri 70** MEINEKE

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.

Sacrament of Baptism 39 (10:45) Wynn Edward Arthur

Call to Prayer

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Congregational Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice that separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory Solo *Bless This House* May H. Brahe
Chris MacRae, tenor

* **Doxology 95** OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Hymn 395** *Take Time to Be Holy* HOLINESS

* **Sermon Text** Ephesians 5:15-20
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Becoming Who We Are:**
Under a Different Influence Dr. Davis (8:30)
Dr. Pulliam (10:45)

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Hymn 540** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

* Benediction

* **Closing Voluntary** *Etude in D Minor* Stephen Heller
Scott Montgomery, piano

Central UMC Pastors:
Dr. Jan Davis, Dr. Steve Pulliam, Rev. Greg Gibson
Rev. Emily Burch (College Pastor); Rev. Jody Farrell (Genesis Pastor)
Dr. Jack Wilson (Pastor Emeritus); Rev. Tony Holifield (Pastor Emeritus)

Director of Music & Fine Arts:
Dr. Frode Gundersen

Associate Director of Music & Organist:
Scott Montgomery

Sound/Video:
Luke Burton & Sam Thomas

Acolytes:
(8:30) Fiona Blasingame
(10:45) Claire Brandon

WORSHIP NOTES:

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

The asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.

The altar flowers are given by Greg, Sheryl, Eli, and Jett Harton in memory of their parents and grandparents, Jim and Jo Ann Sandlin.

This morning Whitney and Eric Arthur will present their infant son, Wynn Edward Arthur, to receive Christian Baptism.

Worship bags for children are available for today's service. Ask an usher if you would like one, and please return the bag after the service.

Members of Central's Prayer Team are available after the worship service, in Wesley 107, to pray for you or someone you love.

MUSIC NOTES:

The first hymn Frode Gundersen played for church, at the age of 10, was *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. His 'premiere public performance' was at First UMC in Parker, South Dakota, during the Sunday evening service. Frode will never forget how nervous he was, because his piano teacher was also the church's organist. This morning's arrangement is by South Carolina church musician and composer, Larry Shackley. While obviously more technically challenging than his childhood arrangement, Frode always thinks about the first time he played his favorite hymn.

Scott Montgomery's postlude, *Etude in D Minor*, also comes from his childhood. Stephen Heller wrote a set of Etudes, or exercises, to train young pianists in different styles of music. This piece uses the full span of the piano keyboard with striking chords. First performed at the age of 12, this was one of Scott's favorite recital pieces--with its virtuosic sound which includes crashing chords. Scott also enjoyed playing this repeatedly after school to annoy his brother and sister.

MUSIC MINISTRY ENSEMBLES BEGIN

It is an exciting time for Central's music ministry program! It's also a perfect time to join one of our music ensembles! Rehearsals are on Wednesday, and all are welcome. For further information, please contact Frode or Scott.

Senior Saints (*begins Sept. 5*) **10:30-11:30 a.m.** **Chapel**
Central's Senior Adult Choir (55+): must enjoy singing, fellowship, and fun!

Celebration Singers (*begins Sept. 5*) **5:15-6:00 p.m.** **EB102**
Central's Children's Choir for 3rd-6th Graders: sing in Classic Worship throughout the year.

Jubilation Ringers (*begins Sept. 12*) **6:00-7:00 p.m.** **EB109**
Central's Adult Handbell Ensemble: rings about once a month in Classic Worship.

Chancel Choir (*begins Aug. 22*) **7:15-9:00 p.m.** **Chapel**
Central's Adult Choir: sings weekly for Classic Worship, as well as occasional concerts throughout the year. Reading music is a plus for this group.

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