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Sunday Worship

August 23, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song:** How Sweet The Name Of Jesus

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!

O Jesus! Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, O Prophet, Priest and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise:** Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord - Andy Park

I am standing beneath Your wings. I am resting in Your shelter. Your great faithfulness has been my shield, and it makes me want to sing.

(Chorus:) Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord. I will bless Your holy name for all my days. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

I sing praises to Your name, oh Lord, for You daily bear my burdens. Your great faithfulness is my reward, and It makes me want to sing. *(Chorus)*

***All:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from Ephesians

(6:10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** Only You – Andy Park

No one but you, Lord, can satisfy the longing in my heart. Nothing I do, Lord, can take the place of drawing near to you.

Only you can fill my deepest longing. Only you can breathe in me new life. Only you can fill my heart with laughter. Only you can answer my heart's cry.

Father, I love you. Come satisfy the longing in my heart. Fill me, overwhelm me until I know your love deep in my heart.

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(6:56-69)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

*Priest: Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____; (the people may add their own petitions silently or out loud); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Kathryn, our Presiding Bishop, and Michael, our Presiding Bishop-elect, and Shannon, Susan, and Ted, our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and for St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, Vicar;

All: For provision to reach every God-given goal.

Leader: For McDonald's that the business would continue to grow, and that solid employees would be added to the Centerville restaurant. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the clergy and people of Kingston Parish, Matthews that the clergy and people may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For economic development in depressed portions of our region and for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For veterans of our military and all who have served our country. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That those whose calling and ministry is to families with children would be added to this congregation. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(The People may add their own petitions.)* *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)* *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: All Who Are Thirsty - Brenton Brown

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as the deep cries out to deep, we sing:

(Chorus:) Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as the deep cries out to deep, we sing:

(Chorus:) Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

***Doxology: 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.**

***Eucharistic Prayer A**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Fill Me Now – Michael Hansen

Hover over, Holy Spirit. Bathe my trembling heart and brow. Fill me with Your awesome presence. Come, oh come, and fill me now.

(Chorus:) Fill me now, fill me now. Spirit come and fill me now. Fill me now, fill me now. Spirit come and fill me now.

In myself I'm full of weakness. Can You use this life somehow? Cleanse and comfort, heal and teach me. Come, oh come, and fill me now. *(Chorus)*

Just one life I have for living. In Your service send me out. Source of love, of faith and power. Come oh come, and fill me now. *(Chorus)*

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

***Blessing**

Song of Dismissal: I Will Hold On – Nigel Briggs

My times are in your hands. I know I'll never understand, but I'll trust in you. Sometimes my heart grows cold. I'm sorry when I take control. How I'm needing You.

And even when I fall, You help me stand. Even when I'm lost, You take my hand.

(Chorus:) I will hold on, I will hold on, I will hold on, Yes, I will trust in you.

My life is in your hands. You hold the key to who I am and I'll trust in you. Sometimes my heart is stone. I'm sorry when I walk alone. How I'm needing You.

And even when I fall, You help me stand. Even when I'm lost, You take my hand. *(Chorus 2 times)*

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve God.
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. and Sr.)	Sonny Baharloo	Rachel Pizarz
The Symphony Retirement Community	Paula Gordon	Ken Killian
John Maher and his family	Linda Eggleston	Joseph Moore
Carl Burton	MJ Weatherford	Allie and Jenni Morris

What if you have a question or concern for the vicar? Here are five ways you can communicate with the vicar:

1. Ask the vicar directly
2. Ask for a meeting at a later date
3. Sit at the vicar's table at the monthly pot luck
4. E-mail or phone call
5. If you feel the need, ask a vestry member to come along to a meeting with the vicar – this is an essential ministry of vestry members

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin	Junior Warden: Richard Walker
Other Members: Larry Kidd	Libby Clark
Register: Marian Elam	Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalice. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
23-Aug	Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford	Jack Martin, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark
30-Aug	Larry Kidd	Bobbie Leviness	Susan Kidd, Marian Elam	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
6-Sep	MJ Weatherford	Bobbie Leviness	MJ Weatherford, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
13-Sep	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Richard Walker	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
20-Sep	Jack Martin	MJ Weatherford	Jack Martin, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
27-Sep	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
4-Oct	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Tuesday, August 25	Service of Healing	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, August 30	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 2	Family on Mission Learning Community	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, September 6	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Family On Mission Learning Community: Our Tuesday evening summer healing services will end on August 25th, one week earlier than planned, so that we can make room in our schedule for our Family on Mission Learning Community in September. The Learning Community sessions will be on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. on September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

The Parke will meet for pot luck and fellowship on September 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Financial Update - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015			
1st Quarter	\$23,344.99	\$24,228.82	(\$883.83)
2nd Quarter	\$20,771.99	\$23,203.94	(\$2,431.95)
July	\$6,547.33	\$7,745.82	(\$1,198.49)
August	\$5,834.33	\$4,666.11	\$1,168.22
September	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
3rd Quarter	\$12,381.66	\$12,411.93	(\$30.27)
2015 Year-To-Date	\$56,498.64	\$59,844.69	(\$3,346.05)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$28,659.77	(\$3,346.05)

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