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Sunday Worship

August 30, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Fourteenth 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: O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling**

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light; that He who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

(Chorus:) Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying bound in the dark-some prison-house of sin, with none to tell them of the Savior's dying, or of the life He died for them to win. *(Chorus)*

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is Love; tell how He stooped to save His lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above. *(Chorus)*

Give of thine own to bear the message glorious; give of thy wealth to speed them on their way; pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious, and all thou spendest Jesus will repay. *(Chorus)*

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: Be My Guide – Brian Thiessen**

Be my guide God of Abraham. Lead me by your hand. You are strong and wise. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise. (2 times)

(Chorus:) How I love You, great and mighty King. You are faithful. Through the ages, You never change.

Be my guide in the dark of night. Set all fear to flight. You are hope and truth. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise. *(Chorus 2 times)*

Be my guide for the road ahead and should I feel misled, You are just and good. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise. *(Chorus 2 times)*

Be my guide God of Abraham. Lead me by your hand. You are strong and wise. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise.

***All:** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 James

(1:17-27)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** Better Is One Day – Matt Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty, my soul longs and even faints for you. For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

(Chorus:) Better is one day in Your courts; Better is one day in Your house; Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty, to find you in the place Your glory dwells. *(Chorus)*

My heart and flesh cry out, for You the living God. Your spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me. I will draw near to You; I will draw near to You. *(Chorus)*

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

(7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and for St. Gabriel's Leesburg, Daniel Velea-Rivera, Vicar, that there would be provision to reach every God-given goal. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For State Farm Insurance, David C. Greene, Agent, that business would increase and the kingdom of God would spread throughout our region. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the clergy and people of St. John's, Richmond, that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For full employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and the under-employed. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For veterans of our military and all who have served our country. 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. 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.)* 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.)* 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. 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: Salt and Light - Jami Smith

You make me want to be like You; Your holiness I will pursue; I want the heart of Jesus; Show me the meaning of Your grace; I want to give the world a taste of the love of Jesus.

(Chorus:) Make me salt, make me light; Let Your holy fire ignite; Reveal Your glory in my life; I am not ashamed to lift up Your holy name; Make me salt, make me light.

(Repeat verse & chorus)

Set me as a city on a hill, a lamp on a stand; Mold me in Your image, the work of Your hand. *(Chorus- 2 times)*

***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: Here I Am To Worship – Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

(Chorus:) Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *(Chorus)*

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. *(Chorus – 2 times)*

Here I am to worship.

***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: Hear our Praises – Reuben Morgan

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

(Chorus:) From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *(Chorus)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! *(Twice)*

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 Pisarz
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 chalcers. 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>Chalcers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
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:

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.
Wednesday, September 9	Vestry Committee	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 12	Work Day	St. Francis	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 13	Worship Service followed by pot luck	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

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

Family On Mission Learning Community: The Learning Community sessions will be on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in September. We will read Family On Mission together, learn, share, discuss, and equip ourselves for getting a direction for the next five years. To participate please purchase a copy of Family on Mission, read the first two chapters, and come on September 2nd ready to join in discussion with the others. Please email John at vicar@stfrancisva.org to register.

Bishop Goff will be visiting St. Francis on the afternoon of Sunday, October 25, 2015. She will preside at the liturgy, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. If you would like to join St. Francis by being confirmed or received, please let John know as soon as possible at vicar@stfrancisva.org. If you have been confirmed in another Episcopal church but never transferred your membership to St. Francis, please contact John as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for you to transfer your membership at vicar@stfrancisva.org.

The Parke will meet for pot luck and fellowship on September 20th 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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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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