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Sunday Worship

September 20, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Seventeenth 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:** Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.

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:** Hosanna – Brenton Brown

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; We turn to You: Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; We long for You.

(Chorus:) 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day; In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us; We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; We turn to You; In Your Kingdom broken hearts are made new. You make us new. *(Chorus – two times)*

***All:** Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

(3:13-4:3, 7-8a)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** Amazing Love – Brian Kendrick

My Lord what love is this that pays so dearly that I, the guilty one, may go free!

(Chorus:) Amazing love, O what sacrifice the son of God given for me. My debt He pays and my death He dies, that I might live, that I might live.

And so they watched Him die despised, rejected, but oh, the blood He shed flowed for me! *(Chorus)*

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers; Come wash your guilt away, live again! *(Chorus)*

That I might live!

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

(9:30-37)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

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

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For healing for the sick, especially_____. Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: For Wells Fargo, Tommy Cahoon, Manager, that business would increase. Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: For the clergy and people of Christ Church, Winchester, Leeds, Markham, St. Matthew's, Sterling, St. Andrew's, Ada, and St. Paul's-on-the-Hill, Winchester that they may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader; For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and for St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, Vicar, that there would be provision to reach every God-given goal. Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: For all the baptized in their daily life and work that all would be empowered to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions. Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (*The People may add their own petitions.*) Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For veterans of our military and all who have served our country. Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*) We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*The People may add their own petitions.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Silence*)

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: May The Words Of My Mouth - Tim Hughes

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart, bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus. And the deeds of the day, and the truth in my ways, speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

(*Chorus:*) For this is what I'm glad to do, it's time to live a life of love that pleases You. And I will give my all to You, surrender everything I have and follow You; I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision, Lord, will You be my guide? Be my hope, be my light and the way. And I'll look not for riches, nor praises on earth, only You'll be the first of my heart. (*Chorus*)

I will follow; I will follow; I will follow You.

***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**

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

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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: 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.

***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: Knocking On The Door Of Heaven - Matt Redman

We will give ourselves no rest 'till Your Kingdom comes on earth; We've positioned watchmen on the wall. Now our prayers will flow like tears, for You've shared Your heart with us. God of Heaven, on our knees we fall.

Come down in power, reveal Your heart again. Come hear our cries, the tears that plead for rain.

(Chorus:) We're knocking, knocking on the door of heaven. We're crying, crying for this generation. We're praying for Your Name to be known in all of the earth. We're watching, watching on the walls to see You. We're looking, looking for a time of breakthrough. We're praying for Your Word to bear fruit in all of the earth, all of the earth.

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 Madden	Linda Eggleston	Joseph Moore
Carl Burton	MJ Weatherford	Allie and Jenni Morris
Wayne Conners		

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>
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 23	Family on Mission Learning Community	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 30	Family on Mission Learning Community	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Saturday, October 3	Blessing of the Animals	Manakin Market	10:00-1:00
Sunday, October 4	Worship Service and Blessing of the Animals	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 7	Color Me FRIENDS	St. Francis	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 10	Clean-Up Day	St. Francis	9:00-3:00

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

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 contact John at vicar@stfrancisva.org.

Our Missional Communities:

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

Symphony will meet at Symphony Assisted Living for worship on September 27 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Bobbie Leviness to join in: bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Color Me FRIENDS (Ladies Adult Coloring) – Join in the latest craze for adult stress relief and enjoy the camaraderie of other women in a no pressure, fun evening of coloring and conversation. The “no talent needed” activity replaces negative thoughts, creates a state of peace, and relaxes the mind, body, and spirit, while exploring your creative side. First Wednesdays beginning October 7 at St. Francis from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Pattie at clapptwice1@aol.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	\$6,441.33	\$7,410.25	(\$968.92)
September	<u>\$5,497.33</u>	<u>\$2,785.19</u>	<u>\$2,712.14</u>
3rd Quarter	\$18,485.99	\$17,941.26	\$544.73
2015 Year-To-Date	\$62,602.97	\$65,374.02	(\$2,771.05)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$29,234.77	(\$2,771.05)

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