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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

September 27, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Eighteenth 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: Take My Life and Let It Be (Hymn #707)**

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thy own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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: 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:) 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.

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

***All:** O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

(5:13-20)

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** Greater Grace - *Scott Underwood*

Long ago even before You made the world, You chose me. Through what Christ would do. A greater grace, You gave to me. You are the source; And Jesus is the means

Forgiveness, adoption, acceptance Is Your grace. And I fall on my face. And I yield to You.

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

(9:38-50)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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: Essex Bank; John D. Forkey, Assistant Vice President, Branch Officer. That the employees would lead solid, healthy lives. Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: For the clergy and people of Emmanuel, Middleberg, McIlhany Parish, Albermarle St. John's, Arlington, Emmanuel, Greenwood, Our Redeemer, Aldie Montross that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 schools and educational institutions: for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout the metropolitan area. 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: 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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and through the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Exchange of Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Let Everything That Has Breath - Matt Redman

(Chorus:) Let ev'rything that (Ev'rything that) Ev'rything that has breath; Praise the Lord. Let ev'rything that (Ev'rything that) Ev'rything that has breath; Praise the Lord

Praise You in the morning. Praise You in the evening. Praise You when I'm young.

And when I'm old. Praise You when I'm laughing. Praise You when I'm grieving. Praise You ev'ry season of the soul.

If we could see How much You're worth, Your pow'r Your might, Your endless love. Then surely we would, Never cease to praise

Praise You in the heavens. Joining with the angels. Praising You forever and a day. Praise You on the earth now. Joining with creation, Calling all the nations to Your praise.

(Chorus:) Let ev'rything that (Ev'rything that) Ev'rything that has breath; Praise the Lord. Let ev'rything that (Ev'rything that) Ev'rything that has breath; Praise the Lord.

***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: The Father's Song - Matt Redman

I have heard so many songs. Listened to a thousand tongues. But there is one. That sounds above them all. The Father's song. The Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity. It's written on my heart

(CHORUS:) Heaven's perfect melody. The Creator's symphony. You are singing over me. The Father's song. Heaven's perfect mystery. The king of love has sent for me. And now you're singing over me, The Father's song.

I have heard so many songs. Listened to a thousand tongues. But there is one. That sounds above them all (Sounds above them all). The Father's song. The Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity, It's written on my heart.

(CHORUS:) Heaven's perfect melody. The Creator's symphony. You are singing over me. The Father's song. Heaven's perfect mystery. The king of love has sent for me. And now you're singing over me, The Father's song.

The Father's song. The Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity. It's written on my heart (It's written on my heart). The Father's song. The Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity. It's written on my heart. It's written on my heart. You sing it over me; Father

***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. Amen

***Blessing**

Song of Dismissal: 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

As a city on a hill: A lamp on a stand. Mold me in Your image, The work of Your hand. (Chorus (2X))

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. and Sr.)

The Symphony Retirement Community

John Madden

Carl Burton

Wayne Conners

Sonny Baharloo

Paula Gordon

Linda Eggleston

MJ Weatherford

Rachel Pizarz

Ken Killian

Joseph Moore

Allie and Jenni Morris

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden: Richard Walker

Libby Clark

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>
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 30	Family on Mission Learning Community	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, October 4	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 11	Worship Service followed by Pot Luck	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 14	Vestry meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.

Clean-Up Day was postponed to Saturday, October 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

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 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.

Our Missional Communities:

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.

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

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>\$1,050.00</u>	<u>\$951.85</u>	<u>\$98.15</u>
3rd Quarter	\$14,038.66	\$16,107.92	(\$2,069.26)
2015 Year-To-Date	\$58,155.64	\$63,540.68	(\$5,385.04)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$26,620.78	(\$5,385.04)

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