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Sunday Worship

October 25, 2015 – 3:00 PM

Twenty-Second 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 songs and prayers in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

* **Gathering Song:** Put Forth, O God, Thy Spirit's Might

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might and bid thy Church increase, in breadth and length, in depth and height, her unity and peace.

Let works of darkness disappear before thy conquering light; let hatred and tormenting fear pass with the passing night.

Let what apostles learned of thee be ours from age to age; their steadfast faith our unity, their peace our heritage.

O Judge divine of human strife! O Vanquisher of pain! To know thee is eternal life, to serve thee is to reign.

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

People: One God and Father of all.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Jeremiah

(31:7-9)

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Song of Praise: Good Things Run Wild

(Chorus:) Come to build your house among us with room for every child. Let the doors fly open so that good things run wild. Let every dream you pour upon us spark a flaming fire. Releasing every hope so that good things run wild.

Pour into our spirits Your wisdom and power. We need to walk just like You. Let your mercy flow between every heart and soul. We need to love just like You. *(Chorus)*

We want You to take our hours and our days. We need to be bearing fruit for You. Take our minds, capture our thoughts. Let them be in the stream that comes from You. *(Chorus)*

A Reading from Hebrews

(7:23-28)

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* **Gradual Song: May The Words Of My Mouth**

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.

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

(10:46-52)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon – The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

* **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

The Bishop: The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenter: I present these persons for Confirmation.

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

I present these persons who now choose to renew the vows of their baptism.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate(s): I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate(s): I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words:

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*** The Baptismal Covenant**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation:

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Then the Bishop says:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Candidates for Confirmation and Reception now receive the laying-on-of hands, or prayer.

Bishop: Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among the people:

People: Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King."

Bishop: Let us pray. (silence)

Gracious Father, your Son before he ascended to glory declared that your people would receive power from the Holy Spirit to bear witness to him to the ends of the earth: Be present with us as we go forth in his Name. Let your love shine through our witness, so that the blind may see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead be raised up and the poor have the good news preached to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Commissioning of Groups Engaged in Outreach Ministry

Presenter: I present these persons from the Parke Missional Community who are reaching out to the residents of The Parke through house parties, pub theology, Color Me Friends, and Caregiver Support.

I present these persons from the Garden who are reaching out to the clients of the Food Pantry of Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services, and all in the community interested in gardening.

I present these persons from the Symphony Missional Community who are reaching out to the residents and staff of Symphony Assisted Living through monthly times of worship.

I present these persons who gather in this place on Sunday mornings, as they offer radical hospitality to the arts community and especially to the Aspire Dance Academy this coming December.

Bishop: The gifts of The Lord were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Bishop: Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among the people:

People: **Tell it out among the nations: The Lord is King!**

Bishop: Let us pray. (Silence)

Gracious Father, your Son before he ascended to glory declared that your people would receive power from the Holy Spirit to bear witness to him to the ends of the earth: Be present with us as we go forth in his Name. Let your love shine through our witness, so that the blind may see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead be raised up and the poor have the good news preached to them; 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: Glorious Day

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as black as could be, Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin. Dwelt among men, my example is He! Word became flesh and the light shined among us His glory revealed.

(Chorus:) Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me; Buried, He carried my sins far away; Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming. Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain; One day they nailed Him to die on a tree suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He. Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me. *(Chorus)*

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer; One day the stone rolled away from the door. Then He arose, over death He had conquered. Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore. Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again, rising again. *(Chorus)*

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His glories will shine. Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing my Savior, Jesus, is mine. *(Chorus)*

Glorious day, Oh, Glorious day!

* **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

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Bishop: 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 (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.

Bishop: 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;

Bishop: And we offer our sacrifice to 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.**

Bishop: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and says:

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

Bishop: 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: 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. 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: Humble King

(Verse:) Oh, kneel me down again here at Your feet. Show me how much You love humility. Oh Spirit, be the star that leads me to the humble heart of love I see in You.

(Chorus:) 'Cause You are the God of the broken, the Friend of the weak. You wash the feet of the weary; embrace the ones in need. I want to be like You, Jesus, to have this heart in me. You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.

(Repeat Verse and 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 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.

* **(All):** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **Blessing**

* **Song of Dismissal: Today Is the Day**

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind. I'm setting my heart and mind on you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, knowing that all You have in store for me is good, its good.

(Chorus) Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind. I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good.

(Chorus) Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving you my fears and sorrows. Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day.

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless 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 Connors

Sonny Baharloo
 Paula Gordon
 Linda Eggleston
 MJ Weatherford

Rachel Pisarz
 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 chalicers. 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>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
25-Oct	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark
1-Nov	Larry Kidd	Bobbie Leviness	Susan Kidd, Marian Elam	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
8-Nov	MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker	MJ Weatherford, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
15-Nov	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie Leviness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
22-Nov	Jack Martin	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin, Libby Clark	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
29-Nov	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
6-Dec	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, November 1	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 4	Color Me Friends	St. Francis	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 8	Worship Service followed by Pot Luck	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
	Pub Theology	Rumble Seat	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 15	Worship Service	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. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Our Missional Communities:

The Parke will meet for pot luck and fellowship on November 29th at 5:30 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 November 29th 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 of each month 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 you have 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)
3rd Quarter	\$19,498.99	\$22,456.32	(\$2,957.33)
October	\$6,445.33	\$6,264.98	\$180.35
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
December	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
4th Quarter	<u>\$6,445.33</u>	<u>\$6,264.98</u>	<u>\$180.35</u>
2015 Year-To-Date	\$70,061.30	\$76,154.06	(\$6,092.76)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$25,913.06	(\$6,092.76)

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