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Sunday Worship

July 27, 2014 – 10:00 AM

Seventh 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 today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

↑Gathering Song #1: When Morning Gilds The Skies

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries; May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call; May Jesus Christ be praised!
When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs; May Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with; Jesus Christ be praised!
Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find; May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound; May Jesus Christ be praised!
Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see His face; Sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er, for aye and evermore; Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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

All: **And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. 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.**

↑Gathering Song #2: Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days; From every nation, all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days. Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory; Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship; You will be exalted O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days. (2X)
Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth! Sing unto the Ancient of Days! For none can compare to Your matchless worth, Sing unto the Ancient of Days! Sing unto the Ancient of Days! Sing unto the Ancient of Days!

↑All: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Romans

(8:26-39)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise. Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

(Chorus:) Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night. Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *(Chorus)*

Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith. Come those with full or empty hands. Find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing. Shore to shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *(Chorus)*

↑The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(13:31-33, 44-52)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and 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: On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the blessing of peace; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation and grant us the needful gifts of your grace; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Wally's Wholesale, Walter Ford, owner, that the employees would grow in their ability to do their jobs, live good lives, and serve the customers well; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the congregations and clergy of Grace, Berryville, and St. Mary's, Berryville, that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, Vicar, that each would grow, prosper, and extend the kingdom throughout the regions they serve; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Chesterfield County, the County Administrator, and all county employees; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For workers to be added to our fellowship whose calling and ministry is to serve families with young Children; let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God.
Amen.

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: Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like You. You are the Potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray. Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like 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 from A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989 (adapted)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift your hearts to heaven.

People: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest: It is the joy of our salvation God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

All (Sung): Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)

Priest: Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us:

People: God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

People: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first. Praise, glory and love be yours this and every day from us and all people here and everywhere. 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: Resting Place

Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool. Where is the house you will build for Me?

Whom of you will hear the cry of My heart? Where will My resting place be?

Here, oh Lord, have I prepared for You a home, long have I desired for You to dwell.

Here, oh Lord, have I prepared a resting place. Here, oh Lord, I wait for You alone.

↑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.

↑Blessing

↑Song of Dismissal: Lord, Reign In Me

Over all the earth, You reign on high, ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

(Chorus) Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again. Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Valerie and Kyle
Christian Families in Pakistan
Craig and John MacNaughton

Martha Dickinson
Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn

Amy Williams
Nola

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford

Richard Walker

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>Chalicer Names</u>	<u>Greeters/ Ushers</u>
27-Jul	Richard Walker	Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker, Kathy Gammon	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
3-Aug	Jack Martin	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, August 3	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 6	Wednesday Service	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 10	Communion Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 13	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 17	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

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

	<u>Operating Funds</u>		<u>Net Gain</u>
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2014			
1st Quarter	\$21,208.00	\$23,425.59	(\$2,217.59)
2nd Quarter	\$22,568.00	\$20,086.30	\$2,481.70
July	\$5,769.00	\$2,796.58	\$2,972.42
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
September	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
3rd Quarter	\$5,769.00	\$2,796.58	\$2,972.42
2014 Year-To-Date	\$49,545.00	\$46,308.47	\$3,236.53
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$36,153.26	\$3,236.53

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