



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

September 15, 2013 – 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 today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for a pot luck luncheon right after the service.

Prelude

Call to Worship

↑Gathering Song #1: Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

(Chorus) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. (Chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Blessed be Your name. (Chorus)

↑Gathering Song #2: Hosanna

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, 2x)

↑All: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Timothy**

(1:12-17)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Song of Praise: There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus) Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving your Spirit til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

(Chorus)

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face. There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *(Chorus)*

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

(15:1-10)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message (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: Form VI

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. 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 Kathryn, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, Susan and Ted, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve God in his Church; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]* Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: For the Manakin Sabot Cosmetic and Family Dentistry and Dr. Sarah Wilmer that many people would have improved health and well being through this dental practice.

All: For the healing presence of God to cover our community.

Leader: For schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools..

All: That all people may have strong education.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *[Please feel free to add your 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. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]* 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.

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

↑ *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.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **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 forever 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 your 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: 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: The Heart Of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come. Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart. I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

(Chorus) I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus. I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours, every single breath. I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

(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.

↑Blessing

↑Song of Dismissal: Multiply Your Love

Multiply Your love through us to the lost and the least. Let us be Your healing hands Your instruments of peace. May our single purpose be to imitate Your life. Through our simple words and deeds, Let love be multiplied.

Multiply Your love through me to someone in need. Help me Lord to freely give This grace that I've received. Let my single purpose be to imitate Your life. Through my simple words and deeds Let love be multiplied.

(Chorus) Let us see Your kingdom come to the poor and broken ones. Let us see a mighty flood, Of justice and mercy, O Jesus, Let love be multiplied Let love be multiplied

Multiply Your church through us to the ends of the Earth. Where there's only barrenness, Let us see new birth. Use us as Your laborers Working side by side. Let us see your harvest come Let love be multiplied

(Chorus)

Let love be multiplied, Let love be multiplied. Let love be multiplied, Let love be multiplied.

Multiply Your love through us to the lost and the least. Let us be Your healing hands Your instruments of peace. May our single purpose be to imitate Your life. Through our simple words and deeds, Let love be multiplied

Multiply Your love through us, Multiply Your love. Multiply Your love through us, Multiply Your love.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Neale Dickinson
Eric Wilcken's family
Christian Families in Pakistan
Nancy Palmore
Suzanne Coats
Michelle Lambert
Chuck Haack
Danielle Harris

Mike Kennedy
Brian
Ed Lane
Linda
Simon Bauers
Louise & Chris Bennett
Martha Poole
The family of Daniel Calder

Helen
Nancy MacNaughton
Carolyn Messimer
Patt Scott
Jan Gladd
Virginia Gammon & Family
Eileen Poole

Make yourself comfortable!

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford

Other Members: Peter LeViness
Ann James

Larry Kidd
Wayne Conners

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers for September and the first Sunday of October. 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>
15-Sep	Kathy Gammon	MJ Weatherford	Kathy Gammon, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
22-Sep	Bill Weatherford	Missy Rand	Bill Weatherford, Ann James	John and Libby Clark
29-Sep	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Susan Kidd, Kathy Gammon	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd
6-Oct	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Susan Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, September 22	Communion Service followed by Book Study	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, September 27	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 28	Work Day	St. Francis	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 29	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 3	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 5	Blessing of the Animals	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 6	Communion Service followed by Book Study	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 11	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 13	Celebration of a New Ministry	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.

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>
2013			
1st Quarter	\$24,463.00	\$20,486.48	\$3,976.52
2nd Quarter	\$21,422.00	\$21,276.96	\$145.04
July	\$6,208.00	\$7,845.81	(\$1,637.81)
August	\$6,727.00	\$7,394.77	(\$667.77)
September	\$1,850.00	\$992.44	\$857.56
3rd Quarter	\$14,785.00	\$16,233.02	(\$1,448.02)
2013 Year-To-Date	\$60,670.00	\$57,996.46	\$2,673.54
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2013	\$32,627.98	\$35,331.52	\$2,703.54

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