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CHURCH

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# Sunday Worship

September 1, 2013 – 10:00 AM

**Fifteenth 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 this morning right after the service.

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

#### ↑Gathering Song #1: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for Thee; and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of man; Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave. Who rose victorious to the strife, for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high. Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign. Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night their God, Redeemer, King. Their songs before him day and night their God, Redeemer, King.

#### ↑Gathering Song #2: Let There Be Praise

*(Chorus:)* Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts, sing to the Lord, give Him the glory. Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts, for evermore let His love fill the air and let there be praise.

He inhabits the praise of His people and dwells deep within, the peace that He gives none can equal, His love, it knows no end. So lift your voices, with gladness sing, proclaim through all the earth that Jesus Christ is King. *(Chorus)*

When the Spirit of God is within us, we will overcome in our weakness, His strength will defend us, when His praise is on our tongue. So lift your voices with gladness sing, proclaim through all the earth that Jesus Christ is King. *(Chorus)*

**↑All:** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

(13:1-8, 15-16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**↑Song of Praise:** Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

(14:1, 7-14)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**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 Air Specialists of Virginia that there would be increased business in the construction industry.

**All:** That we would build strong homes, families and communities.

**Leader:** For schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond; for all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTAs, students, and staff.

**All:** That every school employee would have Your wisdom.

**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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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: Breathe**

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe, Your holy presence living in me. This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread, Your very Word spoken to me. And I, I'm desperate for You. And I, I'm lost without you. (Repeat).

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**↑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: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see. Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, perfect in wisdom, perfect in mercy, love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God, heavenly Father, God, our Lord Jesus, God, Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity!

**↑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

Mike Kennedy  
Brian  
Ed Lane  
Linda  
Simon Bauers  
Louise & Chris Bennett

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

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**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."*

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**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>
1-Sep	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
8-Sep	Larry Kidd	Missy Rand	Susan Kidd, Marian Elam	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd
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:

Wednesday, September 4	Bible Study (The Prodigal Son)	The Kidd's	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 5	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 8	Communion Service followed by Potluck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, September 13	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 15	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 22	Communion Service	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.

### Save the Dates:

Saturday, October 5	Blessing of the Animals	St. Francis	10:00 a.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>
<b>2013</b>			
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$24,463.00</b>	<b>\$20,486.48</b>	<b>\$3,976.52</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$21,422.00</b>	<b>\$21,276.96</b>	<b>\$145.04</b>
July	\$6,208.00	\$7,845.81	<b>(\$1,637.81)</b>
August	\$5,680.00	\$4,434.43	<b>\$1,245.57</b>
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>\$11,888.00</b>	<b>\$12,280.24</b>	<b>(\$392.24)</b>
<b>2013 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$57,773.00</b>	<b>\$54,043.68</b>	<b>\$3,729.32</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b><u>Beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2013</b>	\$32,627.98	\$36,387.30	<b>\$3,759.32</b>

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