

Sunday, July 17, 2016 9:30 A.M.

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Service of Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2017

*those who are able, please stand

9:30 am

In living into the gospel message of the Good Samaritan, during the opening hymn we will be collecting first aid supplies or donations to put towards our first aid kit project. Next Sunday, (July 24th) our churches will work together to assemble these kits in preparation for distribution to those in need within our community.

(A special thanks to the Homer Brass Ensemble and Andrea Herzog for providing music.)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

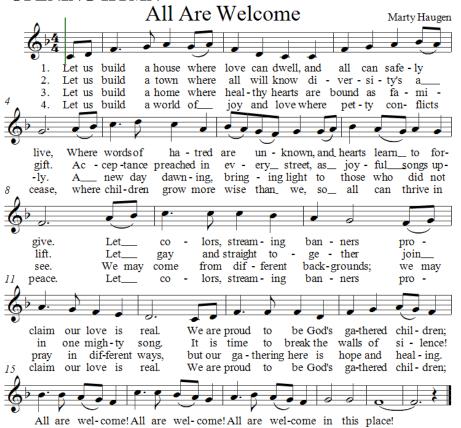
CALL TO WORSHIP	Belinda Burtner, HCC
	Nancy Hansen, HUMC

Leader 1: Come, neighbors and strangers,
Leader 2: prophets and seekers of justice,
those who need a helping hand,
Leader 2: and those who have something to offer.

Leader 1: Whether your faith is weak or strong, come: let us be neighbors in this place,

Leader 1: and let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN



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*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(let us pray together . . .)

God of love and compassion, you call us to be people of compassion, too: to experience in our living the lives of others, to laugh with their joys and cry with their sorrows. In this time of worship speak to us again your words of love and remind us again of what it means to be a neighbor. We pray in the name of Jesus, who teaches us to pray together by saying: Our Father...

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

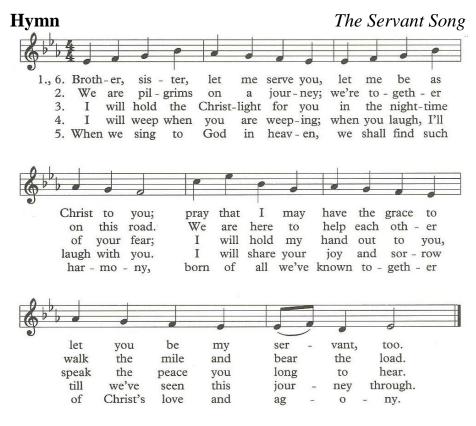
Pastor Rachel Morse

GOD'S WORD TO GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

Readers: Alana Auchmoody (Jesus), Jack Bertram (Narrator), Anelia Corbin (Samaritan), Kyle Wright (Lawyer)



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SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Waters

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

refrain: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

We give you thanks for the many mercies of each day, for the kind word given freely, for the smile offered sincerely, for the simple moments when someone loves a neighbor. (*Refrain*)

We remember and pray for people who care for others, all of those whose compassionate attention to detail enhances another's life. (*Refrain*)

In a new understanding of being a neighbor, we give thanks for what we receive freely from others who choose to be a neighbor to us, despite difference that may stand between us. We pray for a greater understanding and awareness that everyone is our neighbor. (*Refrain*)

We give thanks for every opportunity to be a neighbor to others.

We pray for justice for those who are mistreated by others.

(*Refrain*)

In the many roads we've yet to walk, the journeys still to undertake, may we find our neighbor at every turn, and accept the ongoing surprise of your gospel, in the neighborhood of your reign. (*Refrain*)

Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation Offertory

* Doxology

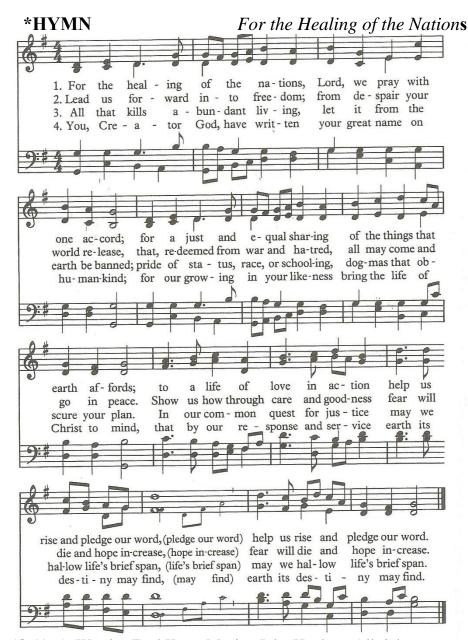
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication (let us pray together...)
God of grace and compassion, may our gifts enable your church to be a place where strangers become friends, outcasts are welcomed, seekers receive, and doubters find faith. In Jesus' name, Amen. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with others.



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*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."