

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**Worship Notes:**

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Our Community Gathers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (*\*you are invited to stand if you are able*)

Leader: Come! Come, all you who are seeking God.

**ALL** **Come! Enter in to this place of protection and comfort and discover that God is seeking us!**

Leader: We rejoice to have God find us here,

**ALL: as we come searching God!**

Leader: Come! Come in and experience God's joy when we come together.

**ALL: Here in this sanctuary we worship, and meet God!**

Invocation *Rich*

**Let's take a moment to greet one another in friendship and love!**

**\*Opening Hymn 'Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven'** Ch #23  
vs. 1, 4 & 5

**Old Testament Reading Psalm 14** *Todd Whitmer*

**Prayer Preparation 'Holy Ground' (1x)** *Ch #112*

**Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Community Hears the Word and Responds**

**Sacred Reading** Luke 15: 1-10 (*pg 78 NT*)

**Morning Message** *Rich Pate*  
**'What is Worth Searching For?'**

**Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table**

*We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.*

**Communion 'Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing'** *CH # 16*  
*vs. 1 & 2*

**Special Music** *Brian & Rich*

*Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.*

**Prayer of Offering and Dedication** *Todd Whitmer*

**May our gifts become symbols of our intention to follow, and to minister with you O Lord, and to satisfy the needs of those with whom you love. Amen**

**\*Sending Song 'A Woman and a Coin'** *Ch #74*  
*vs. 1 - 4*

*Blessing*  
*Go forth from this place rejoicing knowing that your relationship with God is secure. You are loved, sought after and cared for in the name of God the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

**'Our Worship has ended - - -  
Now our Service to God begins!'**

Scriptures for Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Old Testament reading: Psalm 79: 1-9

New Testament reading: Luke 16: 1-13

**Shut-ins**

*Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound:*

*Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Marie Pate, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Bev Zimmerman. Keep Kim Mercer in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery. A visit, call or a card means so much to them.*

**Random Act of Kindness**

*Please prayerfully consider a monetary donation for Church World Services. This special offering will go directly for disaster relief in the Bahamas. First Christian will then **match** all personal **donations pledged** by **Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Lets show love to our neighbors in need! Rich*

**Bible Study**

*It is not too late to join the Bible Study on Phillip Yancy's "The Jesus I never Knew". This a 6 week study on Tuesday mornings 10:00 to 11:30 & Tuesday evenings 6:00 to 7:30. The study guide is \$10.00. Book is \$14.00.*

**Crop Walk**

*The Crop Walk will be **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker contact Dick Reich. Please help end hunger locally and world wide!*

**Shelby Chamber Choir**

*Brian Nabors will be bringing his Chamber Choir to perform for us during worship on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Plan on being here for this awesome Sunday!*

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