

Sunday, September 22, 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: Though our hearts may be grieving, we come risking joy.

ALL God soothes our hearts.

Leader: Though we weep over woes of the day,
we are here seeking hope:

ALL: God soothes our discomfort.

Leader: Though our lives are often difficult,
we gather for strength:

**ALL: God restores our souls and cares for us;
God calms our anguish and dries our tears.**

Leader: Let us call on the Holy One, and rejoice in God,

**ALL: ever our source of peace in our daily journey,
ever our comfort in times of trial.**

Invocation *Rich*

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

***Opening Hymn 'O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee'** Ch #602
vs. 1, 3 & 4

Old Testament Reading Psalm 79: 1-9 *Ellie Wells*

Prayer Preparation 'Jesus Loves Me!' (Chorus) *Ch #113*

Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading Luke 16: 1-13 (*pg 79 NT*)

Morning Message *Rich Pate*
'Things Aren't Always As They Appear'

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 **'Seek Ye First'** *CH # 354*
vs. 1 & 2

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 *Ellie Wells*

God, as your church we reflect your hopes for humanity. We offer these gifts and ask you to guide us to shrewd and loving management of all we are given in order to further your work in our midst. Amen

***Sending Song 'I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me'** *Ch #614*

Blessing
Go forth, following as God leads you, into faithful living. Take the gifts of grace and healing you have received and offer them each day, to all you encounter. Be shrewd and faithful in what has been entrusted to you. Go in Peace.

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

Scriptures for Sunday, September 29th

Old Testament reading: Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

New Testament reading: Luke 16: 19-31

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 22nd**. Lets show love to our neighbors in need! Rich*

Bible Study

It is not to 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 6th**. 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 6th**. Plan on being here for this awesome Sunday!*

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