11:00 am   17th Sunday After Pentecost   Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements   Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude   *Praise to the Lord*   Gordon Young

*Call to Worship   Charlie Maloney, United Methodist Men President
     Leader: Come one and all to meet God here. Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.
     People: **We have come that God might raise us up. Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.**
     Leader: Come, all who are weary and oppressed. God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.
     People: **God hears our prayers and answers us. God equips us to be helpful to one another.**
     Leader: Come together to sing songs of praise to God. Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.
     People: **God's glory abides in this place of worship. God's presence and help are real.**

*Hymn No. 139   *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*   Lode Den Herren

Invocation   The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.
     May all your people find favor with you this day, God of majesty and power. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday, a holy day, in which to praise you and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent – both to thank you and to be changed by you. Let our prayers be powerful and effective. May our worship be alive and life-changing. May the service we extend find favor in your eyes, blessed God. Amen.

Stephen Ministry Moment   Alice Balentine

Psalter   *Psalm 124*   See Insert

Epistle Reading   James 5:13-20   Page 281 (NT) in pew Bibles
     Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
     People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo   *Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord*   Craig Courtney
     Larry Moore, baritone

Pastoral Prayer   The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

WARM Project Moment   Greg Shelley

Offering

Offertory   *Meditation on a Hymn Tune*   Klein

*Doxology No. 94   *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*   Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message Lisa Smith
All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 468 *Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See* Hurlsey

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881
    I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70
    Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*†Gospel Lesson Mark 9:38-50 Page 55 (NT) in pew Bibles
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Taking Sides" The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 396 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Angel's Story

*Benediction The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Benediction Response No. 666 *Shalom to You* SHALOM
    Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
    In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

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