Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2013

Rev. Mark Knetsch, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

INTROIT "Jesus Is A Rock In the Weary Land" Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

II Samuel 22:2-4

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation.

He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior from violent men you save me. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #496

"Jesus Shall Reign"

*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Revelation 7:9-11

LAW OF GOD Matthew 22:37-40

RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 1:68-75

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

He has raised up a horn

of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David

(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Close to Thee"

Vail

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-38

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #414 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

SERMON "Who is Jesus?"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (3x) singing Glory Hallelujah, Jesus Lifted Me. When I was in Trouble.... Satan had me bound..... Jesus, Jesus, Jesus......

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #401

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Pete & Barbara Nickel

<u>Ushers</u>: John Ferris, Pete & Barbara Nickel, Liz White

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson Fellowship: Joe & Liz White

Next week's stewards (September 8):

Greeters: Aaron & Shawna Guikema

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Clair Coddington, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Zandt & Brooke Johnson

Fellowship: Ellie Clark

WELCOME

We welcome Mark Knetsch to our pulpit this morning. Mark is in the process of planting a CRC/RCA church in Holly Springs. We are providing support to Mark through mission offerings, personal support and our prayers.

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at O'Charley's, 103 Ashville Ave., Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Our monthly Meditation & Prayer Group will resume next Sunday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and join us. Communion will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chuck or June Fulton.

OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1-3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

FOOD NEEDED FOR DORCAS PANTRY

The Dorcas Food Pantry has seen a 30% uptick in food demand the last few months and the shelves are running bare. Can you please help? The most needed items are: baking items, cereal, vegetable soup, mixed veggies, pinto beans, canned fruit, applesauce, pasta meals, canned chicken & beef stew.

The Dorcas Pantry is the food-bank designated pantry for residents of Cary and Morrisville and serves over 3,500 residents a year - many of whom are children. We thank you for your loving help for those less fortunate in our community.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, summer is coming to an end and time to get back into our schedule of study and fellowship. The Women's Fellowship group will begin our monthly meetings on Monday evening, September 9, with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We meet on the second Monday of each month beginning in September and ending in June. Meetings are usually held in the church library, located in the Education Wing, at 7:00 - except for September, December, and June, when we meet at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a pot luck dinner. I have the following study in mind, but if you have something that you would like to present as an option, please let me know. We can discuss studies at our first meeting. All ladies are invited and please feel free to bring a friend. Esther: Courage in a Complicated World - Esther's story in ancient Persia is filled with risky twists and turns and often perilous outcomes. How will God use this situation to care for his people and bless others? Please contact Liz White or Chris Forte with any questions or comments.