

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“The Family of God”

Gaither
L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise You”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 89)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #21**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Gracious heavenly Father, you have called us to be your family, your children. We confess that many times we are rebellious children who go our own way. You have made us to be brothers and sisters, instead of loving, we squabble and fight. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to truly live as your family. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

I John 3:1-2

LAW OF GOD

I John 4:7-11

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

“The Family of God”

(insert)

UNISON READING #47

Luke 2:1-20

(Page 520 Hymnal)

***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

“A Child of the King”

Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:1-7 (Page 146 New Testament)

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #101**

“This Is My Father’s World”

SERMON

“Children of God”

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Walk Together Children”

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #120**

“Behold the Amazing Gift of Love”

(Our monthly Mission Offering will be collected during the first verses.)

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“Family of God”

Reprise

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Barbara Araromi

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Dave & Paula Pynaker

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (October 19):

Greeters:

Ushers: Carole Angrilla & Heidi Wilson

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Luncheon

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Mission Sunday. The mission for the month of October is the Cary CROP walk.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Next Sunday we will have our regular monthly fellowship potluck luncheon immediately after the 11:00 worship service, so please plan to come and to bring a favorite dish to share.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be after church on October 26. We will be electing Consistory members as well as presenting the 2015 budget for your information.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: crackers, jelly, sugar, cereal, vegetable oil; also toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning products such as laundry and dish detergents. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you sign up for fellowship, we ask that you bring cookies. These can be store bought or homemade, simple or fancy. Whatever you bring will be appreciated and consumed. Please sign up for fellowship!