

Welcome!

September 27, 2015 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The altar is designed as a visual representation of how suffering and darkness can be a looming, sometimes overwhelming, focus in our lives. We will continue to light more and more candles each week as the Singing in the Dark series unfolds to represent how God in Jesus can illuminate our darkness

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Jerry Dombrowski, Lay Leader

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

Heather Cooper, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Barbara Brown Taylor, from *Learning to Walk in the Dark*

ONE: Darkness is shorthand for anything that scares us. The darkness scares us because we are not sure if we have the resources to survive it.

MANY: If we had our way, we would eliminate from our lives and the lives of those we love every source of darkness—from chronic back pain to fear of the devil.

ONE: We spend a great deal of energy avoiding and fleeing from darkness. And then when, despite all our best efforts, the lights have gone off in our lives, plunging us into the kind of darkness that turns our knees to water, we find ourselves not cowering, not overcome, not dead but very much alive.

MANY: This is the witness of the One who has gone into the darkness of the grave. This is the witness of the one who was not erased by death. This is the witness of Jesus the Christ who walks with us through darkness toward eternal light.

ONE: I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light. Things that have saved my life over and over again.

ALL: We come to worship bearing both our light and our darkness. We come acknowledging that we need the darkness as much as we need the light. We come to meet the One who walks with us in both; Jesus, thy presence is our light.

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Acolyte

*HYMN OF INTENTION

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 451

+++ CHILDREN’S SERMON

Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director

**Please stand as you are able*

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+ *Sing Praises to the King*

Lynnette Shaw Loughton

Lift your voice and gladly sing, sing out praises to the King. Let your praises gladly ring, ring out to our God and King. Glory we give while on earth we live, anthems so clear for our Lord to hear. We do worship Him, our King. In humility our praises we bring in song to the almighty King.

Joy Unlimited Youth Choir & Schola Cantorum; Michael Wiley, director

+++ He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

I will sing of God’s mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God and I’ll serve Him, no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. And I know that He’ll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I’m going home to be forever blessed. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. Didn’t my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn’t He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

Chancel Choir; Daniel Parsley, director

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94 or See Below

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 DEDICATION

ARTISTIC LESSON

Selections from *Night* by Elie Wiesel

+ ANTHEM

Psalm 131

Jeffrey Van

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother’s breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

Schola Cantorum; Daniel Parsley, director

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF CENTERING

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You”

No. 515

HEBREW SCRIPTURE
SERMON

Psalm 77 pg. 537 OT
Singing in the Dark Series: In the Night
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

*CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD Acolyte
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

Next Sunday, October 4 Singing in the Dark Series

Pastor Cara preaching

8:30 FUMC Men's Chorus & Harmonia Sacra Woodwinds

Heather Cooper, organ

Sandy Vaughn, liturgist

9:45 FUMC Men's Chorus & Modern Worship Team

11:00 Cherub Choir, Carol Choir & Harmonia Sacra Woodwinds

Heather Cooper, organ

Sandy Vaughn, liturgist



Singing in the Night Series
September 27, 2015

Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

Organist: Heather Cooper

Liturgists: + Susan Deibel

+++ Teresa Purses

Greeters: + Cindy Wilcox & Sue Weaver

+++ Beverly Temple & Dorothy Fisher

*Today's altar flowers are given by Bev & Herb Kimble
in memory of their parents*

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