

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST**  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 5, 2018

10:00 AM

Prelude David Matthews

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from despair to hope.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

**People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls! AMEN**

\*Hymn “Victory in Jesus” 370

\*Opening Prayer

**Along life’s pathways, we search continually for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points us to healing and hope: that is the sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger and thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Lord, for all the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our Spirits to hear your words of hope for us today. AMEN.**

The Children’s Moment Julie Calafiura

Offertory David Matthews

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology 95

Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together” 618

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music “Assurance” (P. Knapp)  
Ruthie Nelson, Soloist

Scripture Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sermon “The Power of Encouragement”  
The Rev. Bruce Simpson

Communion

\*Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 384

\*Benediction

Postlude David Matthews

\*Please stand as you are able

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**\*Altar Flowers** – The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of our dear friend, Charlotte Summers, from Brenda Smith and Marilyn Griffis.

**\*Welcome** – We welcome all who have come to worship today. If you are new here, we would love to support your spiritual journey. We also need your help in ministry! If you are committed to this group of Christ’s people, consider making the pledge of membership. *Hearing Assistance Devices* are available. Please ask an usher for help.

**\*Circle of Prayer** – *Church:* Selma Marlowe, Rod Bailey, Mildred Raymond, Aida Weldon, Helen Coast and Marianne Myatt. *Neighbors Near and Far:* John Phillips, Avram Kent, Helen MacWhinney, Michael Kesti, Devan Whitaker, and Gracie Stalvey.

**THIS WEEK**

<b>SUN. (8/5)</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	Adult Sunday School in Conf. Room
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Soul Café
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service (kids' church & nursery)
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	United Methodist Men in Conf. Room
<b>MON. (8/6)</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Food and Clothes Distribution
<b>TUES. (8/7)</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	WPUMW Exec. Bd. Mtg. in Conf. Room
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	WPUMW Luncheon at Jimmy's Restaurant
<b>WED. (8/8)</b>		Green Team will resume on August 22 Bible Study will resume on August 22
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Love Feast in Henderson Hall
<b>FRI. (8/10)</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>SUN. (8/12)</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	Adult Sunday School in Conf. Room
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Soul Café
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service (kids' church & nursery)
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Brown Bag Lunch after Worship

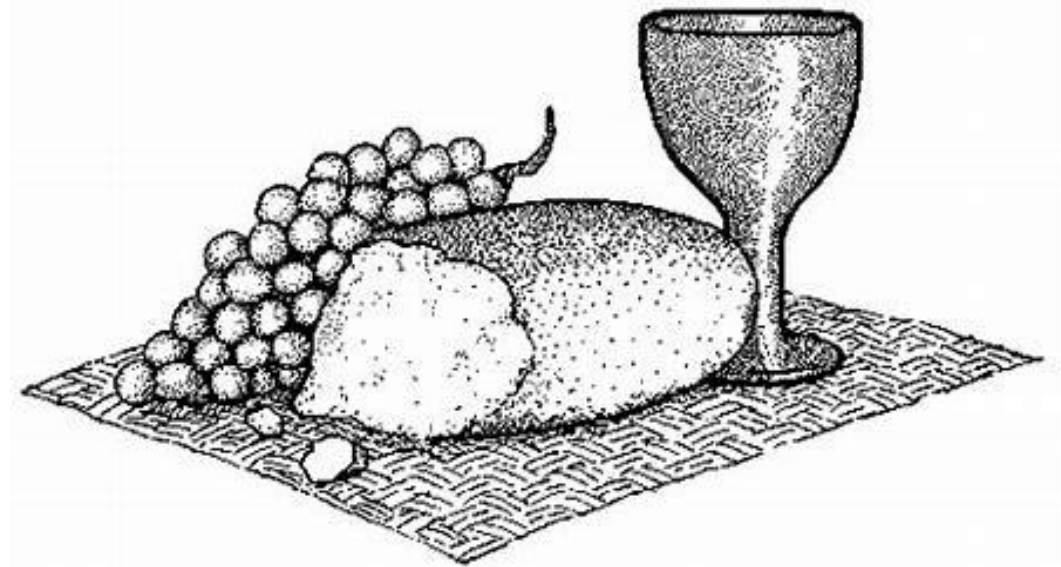
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**\*Save the Dates**—Here are some dates to get on your calendar.

- Pastor David and Mary will be on vacation from *July 30 through August 14*.
- We are having a “Bring Your Brown Bag” meal on *Sunday, Aug. 12* after church.
- We are having a planning retreat for all who are interested on *Saturday, Aug. 18*, from 9am-noon.

**\*Sanctuary A/C Project**—The A/C replacement is beginning. Please pray that God will smooth the process! We plan to be back in the sanctuary by Labor Day Sunday, Sept. 1.

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