



Order Of Service

Sunday, October 8, 2017
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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REAL PEOPLE ... REAL LIFE ... REAL FAITH

Gather

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Call to Worship

Respond as indicated

Call: Let us worship a God of surprises! Too often, we are told that winning is everything.

Response: Here, in this place, we glimpse God's reality that we must lose in order to gain.

Call: Too often, we believe that freedom means autonomy, that we are in charge of our own lives.

Response: Here we learn again that true freedom comes from God. We are free when we follow Christ and obey God's commandments.

Call: Too often, we are told that we are what we have, that wealth reigns and power rules.

Response: Here we remind one another of God's good news: "The stone that was rejected has become the chief cornerstone."

Call: Let us worship a God of surprises!

Response: Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's startling good news once again.

Invocation
Hymn of Praise

Rev. R. Wesley "Preacher Bob" McLeod
Lead On, O King Eternal
United Methodist Hymnal, No. 580

Welcome and Announcements

Pray

Prayer of Confession

In unison

Holy God, we do live in the joy and wonder of your love. However, we find it so easy to be in disagreements. We take each other so much for granted. Often we are tempted to cut the ropes of love that bind us together. We very quickly move to violence and distrust and finally hatred toward those with whom we have a difference of opinion or those who hold different values and traditions. Other times we take life and each other way too much for granted. Help us now, Lord in this time of worship, to renew our faith in you and restore our love to each other with powerful cords of compassion and mercy. Also Lord God, on this day when Christians from all over the Earth lift up Jesus Christ, we, too, give you praise for our Lord Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon
Prayers for the People
The Lord's Prayer

In unison

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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Share

Offertory Prayer
Doxology

In unison

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Proclaim

The Old Testament

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
The Message

God spoke all these words: I am God, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of a life of slavery. No other gods, only me. No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever, whether of things that fly or walk or swim. No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter; God won't put up with the irreverent use of his name. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Work six days and do everything you need to do. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to God, your God. Don't do any work. Honor your father and mother so that you'll live a long time in the land that God, your God, is giving you. No murder. No adultery. No stealing. No lies about your neighbor. No lusting after your neighbor's house – or wife or servant or maid or ox or donkey. Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbor's. All the people, experiencing the thunder and lightning, the trumpet blast and the smoking mountain, were afraid – they pulled back and stood at a distance. They said to Moses, "You speak to us and we'll listen, but don't have God speak to us or we'll die." Moses spoke to the people: "Don't be afraid. God has come to test you and instill a deep and reverent awe within you so that you won't sin."

The Gospel

Matthew 21.33-46
The Message

"Here's another story. Listen closely. There was once a man, a wealthy farmer, who planted a vineyard. He fenced it, dug a winepress, put up a watchtower, then turned it over to the farmhands and went off on a trip. When it was time to harvest the grapes, he sent his servants back to collect his profits. The farmhands grabbed the first servant and beat him up. The next one they murdered. They threw stones at the third but he got away. The owner tried again, sending more servants. They got the same treatment. The owner was at the end of his rope. He decided to send his son. 'Surely,' he thought, 'they will respect my son.' But when the farmhands saw the son arrive, they rubbed their hands in greed. 'This is the heir! Let's kill him and have it all for ourselves.' They grabbed him, threw him out, and killed him. Now, when the owner of the vineyard arrives home from his trip, what do you think he will do to the farmhands?" "He'll kill them – a rotten bunch, and good riddance," they answered. "Then he'll assign the vineyard to farmhands who will hand over the profits when it's time." Jesus said, "Right – and you can read it for yourselves in your Bibles: The stone the masons threw out is now the cornerstone. This is God's work; we rub our eyes, we can hardly believe it! This is the way it is with you. God's kingdom will be taken back from you and handed over to a people who will live out a kingdom life. Whoever stumbles on this Stone gets shattered; whoever the Stone falls on gets smashed." When the religious leaders heard this story, they knew it was aimed at them. They wanted to arrest Jesus and put him in jail, but, intimidated by public opinion, they held back. Most people held him to be a prophet of God.

Prayer For Illumination
The Epistle

Philippians 3.4b-14
The Message

You know my pedigree: a legitimate birth, circumcised on the eighth day; an Israelite from the elite tribe of Benjamin; a strict and devout adherent to God's law; a fiery defender of the purity of my religion, even to the point of persecuting the church; a meticulous observer of everything set down in God's law Book. The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash – along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything

I once thought I had going for me is insignificant – sheer garbage. I’ve dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn’t want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ – God’s righteousness. I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself. If there was any way to get in on the resurrection from the dead, I wanted to do it. I’m not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don’t get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I’ve got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus. I’m off and running, and I’m not turning back.

Call: The Word of God for the people of God!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Dark Sky Holiness

Rev. R. Wesley “Preacher Bob” McLeod

Prayer After the Message

Send

Hymn of Invitation

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

United Methodist Hymnal, No. 298

Dismissal With Blessing

Postlude

Welcome to Hanes United Methodist Church

We’ve been waiting for you! We believe that every person who comes into this special fellowship is sent by God himself. Above all else, we want to express Christ’s love to you with genuine, heartfelt warmth. We are eager to know you, and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church. It will not take long to discover that this is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Our doors and our hearts are open. If you have been thinking, praying, searching for a place to belong, we say to you, “Welcome home!”

Mission Statement

At Hanes United Methodist Church, our purpose is to communicate God’s Word through evangelism, to provide fellowship and community to believers, to educate God’s people through discipleship, to demonstrate God’s love through service, and to celebrate God’s presence in worship.

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Parish Calendar

Sunday Services

Worship: 9.30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10.30 a.m.

Fellowship Breakfast

First Sunday each month, 8.30 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

First Sunday each month, 9.30 a.m.

Senior's Luncheon

First Monday each month, Golden Corral, Hanes Mall,
3.30 p.m.

Vital Signs

Attendance:

Giving:

Charge Conference

Sunday, October 8, 6.00 p.m., Hickory Ridge United
Methodist Church

Coming Up!

October 15

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



*Prayers, Pitfalls, And
Practices*

Philippians 4.1-9

*There's more than one
way to pray*

October 22

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus And The "Gotcha" Question

Matthew 22.15-22

*Sidestepping loaded questions is often the Christian thing
to do*

October 29

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

No Time For Phubbing

Matthew 22.34-46

*Is there anything more important than loving God and our
neighbor*