



Order Of Service

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Nineteenth 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: There is a great wedding being planned and we are all invited.

Response: We are ready and waiting to meet our Lord face to face!

Call: There will be feasting and dancing and great celebration.

Response: We are ready and waiting to meet our Lord face to face!

Call: The Bridegroom is coming to take us all home.

Response: We are ready and waiting to meet our Lord face to face!

Call: All that is broken will be made whole. All that is wrong will be made right.

Response: We are ready and waiting to meet our Lord face to face!

Call: We do not know when, but we must be ready!

Response: We are ready and waiting to meet our Lord face to face! Lord Jesus, come quickly!

Invocation
Hymn of Praise

Rev. R. Wesley "Preacher Bob" McLeod
When Morning Gilds The Skies
United Methodist Hymnal, No. 185

Welcome and Announcements

Pray

Prayer of Confession

In unison

Merciful Savior, the parable of the wedding banquet reminds us of your ever-gracious invitation to be part of your family, to receive the gift of your salvation, to respond to your call to follow you. We confess that far too often we act like ungrateful guests. We allow other priorities to crowd you out. Our addiction to busyness leaves us no time to celebrate with you. We erect other gods that require our attention and loyalty. In our vain attempts to look "successful" we polish the veneer of our lives without attending to our deepest needs and longings, including our need and longing for you. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to health and wholeness.

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 32.1-14
The Message

When the people realized that Moses was taking forever in coming down off the mountain, they rallied around Aaron and said, “Do something. Make gods for us who will lead us. That Moses, the man who got us out of Egypt – who knows what’s happened to him?” So Aaron told them, “Take off the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters and bring them to me.” They all did it; they removed the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from their hands and cast it in the form of a calf, shaping it with an engraving tool. The people responded with enthusiasm: “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up from Egypt!” Aaron, taking in the situation, built an altar before the calf. Aaron then announced, “Tomorrow is a feast day to God!” Early the next morning, the people got up and offered Whole-Burnt-Offerings and brought Peace-Offerings. The people sat down to eat and drink and then began to party. It turned into a wild party! God spoke to Moses, “Go! Get down there! Your people whom you brought up from the land of Egypt have fallen to pieces. In no time at all they’ve turned away from the way I commanded them: They made a molten calf and worshiped it. They’ve sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are the gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt!’” God said to Moses, “I look at this people – oh! what a stubborn, hard-headed people! Let me alone now, give my anger free reign to burst into flames and incinerate them. But I’ll make a great nation out of you.” Moses tried to calm his God down. He said, “Why, God, would you lose your temper with your people? Why, you brought them out of Egypt in a tremendous demonstration of power and strength. Why let the Egyptians say, ‘He had it in for them – he brought them out so he could kill them in the mountains, wipe them right off the face of the Earth.’ Stop your anger. Think twice about bringing evil against your people! Think of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants to whom you gave your word, telling them ‘I will give you many children, as many as the stars in the sky, and I’ll give this land to your children as their land forever.’” And God did think twice. He decided not to do the evil he had threatened against his people.

The Gospel

Matthew 22.1-14
The Message

Jesus responded by telling still more stories. “God’s kingdom,” he said, “is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out servants to call in all the invited guests. And they wouldn’t come! He sent out another round of servants, instructing them to tell the guests, ‘Look, everything is on the table, the prime rib is ready for carving. Come to the feast!’ They only shrugged their shoulders and went off, one to weed his garden, another to work in his shop. The rest, with nothing better to do, beat up on the messengers and then killed them. The king was outraged and sent his soldiers to destroy those thugs and level their city. Then he told his servants, ‘We have a wedding banquet all prepared but no guests. The ones I invited weren’t up to it. Go out into the busiest intersections in town and invite anyone you find to the banquet.’ The servants went out on the streets and rounded up everyone they laid eyes on, good and bad, regardless. And so the banquet was on – every place filled. When the king entered and looked over the scene, he spotted a man who wasn’t properly dressed. He said to him, ‘Friend, how dare you come in here looking like that!’ The man was speechless. Then the king told his servants, ‘Get him out of here – fast. Tie him up and ship him to hell. And make sure he doesn’t get back in.’ That’s what I mean when I say, ‘Many get invited; only a few make it.’”

My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God. I urge Euodia and Syntyche to iron out their differences and make up. God doesn't want his children holding grudges. And, oh, yes, Syzygus, since you're right there to help them work things out, do your best with them. These women worked for the Message hand in hand with Clement and me, and with the other veterans – worked as hard as any of us. Remember, their names are also in the Book of Life. Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious – the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

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

Response: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Prayers, Pitfalls, And Practices
Rev. R. Wesley "Preacher Bob" McLeod

Prayer After the Message

Send

Hymn of Invitation

What A Friend We Have In Jesus
United Methodist Hymnal, No. 526

Dismissal With Blessing
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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:

Coming Up!

October 22

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



*Jesus And The "Gotcha"
Question*

Matthew 22.15-22

*Sidestepping loaded ques-
tions 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?*