



Order Of Service

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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Gather

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Call to Worship

Respond as indicated

Call: Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.

Response: Thanks be to God for the beauty and diversity of creation.

Call: Thanks be to God for our ancestors of faith.

Response: Thanks be to God for loving families and encouraging friends.

Call: Thanks be to God for meaningful work.

Response: Thanks be to God for the variety of talents within the body of Christ.

Call: Thanks be to God for freedom of conscience, speech and worship.

Response: Thanks be to God for calling us to covenant relationship. With thankful hearts let us worship and praise the Lord our God!

Invocation
Hymn of Praise

Rev. R. Wesley "Preacher Bob" McLeod
O Love That Will Not Let Go
United Methodist Hymnal, No. 480

Welcome and Announcements

Pray

Prayer of Confession

In unison

God of unity and peace, you know that we talk much about peace, but at the same time make much trouble for ourselves and for each other. We quarrel – in church, at home, at work and even between nations and religions. We let our loyalties to things and ideas and even our nation surpass our loyalty to Jesus Christ. We think worldly wisdom sometimes looks better than the truth shown us by your incredible Word. We hide from the cross, thinking ourselves too good or grand for such humiliation. Forgive us, in your mighty mercy. Embrace us with the Spirit's power of reconciliation. Fill us with a powerful light that shines with love into all the world. May we become even more committed to living Christlike lives today and every day.

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 33.12-23
The Message

Moses said to God, "Look, you tell me, 'Lead this people,' but you don't let me know whom you're going to send with me. You tell me, 'I know you well and you are special to me.' If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don't forget, this is your people, your responsibility." God said, "My presence will go with you. I'll see the journey to the end." Moses said, "If your presence doesn't take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you're with me in this, with me and your people? Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we're special, I and your people, among all other people on this planet Earth?" God said to Moses: "All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name." Moses said, "Please. Let me see your Glory." God said, "I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I'll call out the name, God, right before you. I'll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I'll be kind to whomever I want to be kind. But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live. Look, here is a place right beside me. Put yourself on this rock. When my Glory passes by, I'll put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I've passed by. Then I'll take my hand away and you'll see my back. But you won't see my face."

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
The Message

I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace! Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit! – taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble. Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore – you're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

Prayer For Illumination
The Gospel

Matthew 22.15-22
The Message

That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece. "This engraving – who does

it look like? And whose name is on it?” They said, “Caesar.” “Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his.” The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

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

Response: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Jesus And The “Gotcha” Question
Rev. R. Wesley “Preacher Bob” McLeod

Prayer After the Message

Send

Hymn of Invitation

In Christ There Is No East Or West
United Methodist Hymnal, No. 548

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:

Coming Up!

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?