

Grace Weekly: The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 16, 2018

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*



***Prelude**

Pieces for Mechanical Clocks

Franz Joseph Haydn

***Gathering Hymn 409**

The spacious firmament on high

Creation

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Psalm 19 (*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Sequence Hymn (insert)

I have decided to follow Jesus

Indian Folk Melody

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Offertory Music

Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J.S. Bach

Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

*Communion 654

Day by day

Sumner

(insert)

You have come down to the lake shore

Pescador

*Recessional Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

*Postlude

Improvisation on Themes by Haydn

Charles Banks

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Ben & Joanne, Bill, Bill & Diane, Bob & Gwen, Jim & Eleanor, John & Christa, Judith, Katherine & Lisa, Linda & Al,

Friends of Grace: Ashley, Becky, Carol, Dale & Trish, Dick, Drew, Ed & Chris, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellen, the Hallmark Family, Howard, Jackie, James, John, Kent, Mary, Matt & Marcia, Maxcy, Melene & Ron, Norris, Randy, Rina, Rosemary, Scott & Family

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Most Rev. Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum; Church of the Messiah in Murphy, North Carolina

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Ann-Cherie & David Dye, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Bill Simmons, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: Melanie Walt, Georgia McManus, Jim Lynn, Lauren Sutton

Collection Counters: Tony Sexton & Bill Collins

Coffee Hour: Lauren & John Sutton (8:00)

Crucifer, Server, & Torchbearers (10:30): Kathy Alley, Jack Geist, Elias Schaefer, Harper Bishop

Lectors: Laura Armour (8:00); Ginger Lambeth, Natalie Bayless (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Gretchen Tope, John Sutton, Lorelai Yerse (8:00)
Pam Davis, Betsy Stecher, Melanie Walt (10:30)

Ushers: Kent Clary, Daniel Atterholt, Walter Lambeth (10:30)

Eucharistic Visitor: Kent Clary, visiting Betty Shore

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and to Grace Church by Marlene Hyatt.

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Children: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (*Downstairs, Age 3 – Kindergarten*)
Godly Play (*Downstairs, Grades 1 – 4*)

Youth: Rite 13 (*Across from Library, Grades 5 – 7*)
Journey to Adulthood (*Rector's Office, Grades 8 – 12*)

Adults: **Forum** – “What I Said Was...: Communicating for Better Community” by Lauri SoJourney. During this interactive forum, we'll explore communication skills that will help us navigate through changes and difference in our church family and wider community.
Scripture Class – “The Hebrew Scriptures,” taught by Father Orion Davis, will be held in the Library as an optional alternative to our traditional adult forum. Today's class is one of two remaining sessions on what we as Christians can glean from of the Old Testament.

Announcements

Noontime Noshing, Monday, September 17th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Bring a bag lunch and come engage in spirited conversation in an effort to get to know your fellow parishioners. Newcomers especially welcome! Hosted by the Welcoming Committee.

Children's Chapel Resumes: Children's Chapel will take place during the first-half of the 10:30 am liturgy on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, beginning next week. Children ages 5 on up are welcome to join in.

The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, September 30th at both services. Education Hour will be an informal time to meet and greet each other and our animal friends. Parishioners are welcome to bring their pets to receive a special blessing for loving and living in accordance to God's plan. To read about event, as well as Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and nature, visit the church website.

On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity & Getting Old is a book that will form the foundation of our October adult forums. If you would like to purchase the book, it is for sale in the Parish Office (Monday through Thursday

from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm), from Linda Sexton after the 8:00 service, or from Paula Welling after the 10:30 service. The cost is \$13.49. Checks should be made out to Grace Church in the Mountains.

Dream Group: Dream work is the intentional commitment to recording our nightly dreams, and playing with the dream images so that we understand the messages contained in the dream. Please consider joining us as we form our very own Dream Group at Grace Church. Rediscovering this work connects us to a long tradition of honoring the Dream as a way in which God speaks to us, guides us, informs us, heals us, and helps us to be conscious of God's constant presence in our lives. The Dream Group is a safe container where we share our Dreams and invite others in the group to help us work out their meanings. We will meet on Tuesdays, beginning October 2nd, from 9:00 to 10:30 am for 8 consecutive weeks. Contact Tim Hussey (772-332-1275) for more information.

Beyond Our Doors

Christians Confronting Gun Violence: What Shall We Teach? is a six-session discussion that will take place Wednesdays between September 26th and October 31st at First United Methodist Church in Waynesville. Speakers include Police Chief Bill Hollingsed, NC Supreme Court Justice Robert Orr, and Dr. William Everett. All are welcome to join this look at the theological perspective on gun issues, but registration is required. To sign up, call (828) 456-9475.

Community March against Drugs in Our Midst: Please join us for our 6th annual Prayer Walk on Sunday, September 30th to raise awareness for the need for healing of the drug problem in Haywood County. Prayer stops will be at downtown churches, the old Haywood County Courthouse, and the Open Door Food Kitchen. The walk will end at First United Methodist Church on Haywood Street. Meet at 2:00 pm on the corner of S. Main and Academy Streets. Bus transportation is available for those unable to walk the route. Wear your church shirt or bring your church banner. **If you are interested in being the prayer leader at the stop at Grace Church, please contact the Parish Office (admin@gracewaynesville.com).**

Poverty Simulation Survival Challenge: Can you survive one month in poverty? Mountain Projects and the Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency invite you to participate in the NC Poverty Simulation Experience on Thursday, October 11, 2018, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Waynesville. This event is a free, educational attempt to raise awareness about the complexities of living in poverty in North Carolina. Please email Alice Ensley (aensley@mountainprojects.org) to register.

Gatherings this Week: September 17-22, 2018

(* = open to all to attend)

- Cursillo Reunion, Monday, 10:00 am, Library
- *Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Library
- *Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Choir Room
- *Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- Spirituality of Caregiving Class, Thursday, 10:30 am – 12 noon, Library
- *Haywood Gleaners, Thursday, 5:30 pm, Library
- *Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
- *Sew Graceful, Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Marthas' Room

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The Rev. Orion Davis & The Rev. Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates

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