

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 9, 2017

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 9

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*Please sign and pass the Friendship Book ("pew pad") where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.*

*\* indicates please stand as you are able.*

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Don Meekhof**

**PRELUDE**

**"Peace Be Still"**

**Organ**

*Franklin Ritter*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Rev. Don Meekhof**

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary;

come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,  
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

**Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

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**\*SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

**"ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY"**

**(VERSE)**

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of his mercy

As deep cries out to deep, we sing

**(CHORUS 1)**

***Come Lord Jesus come***

***Come Lord Jesus come***

***Come Lord Jesus come***

***Come Lord Jesus come***

**(REPEAT VERSE)**

**(CHORUS 2)**

***Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come***

**(BRIDGE)**

*As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep*

**(REPEAT CHORUS 1 & 2)**

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**“KNOWING YOU”**

**(VERSE 1)**

All I once held dear built my life upon  
All this world reveres and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now compared to this

**(CHORUS)**

**Knowing You Jesus knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all You're the best  
You're my joy my righteousness  
And I love You Lord**

**(VERSE 2)**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more  
To be found by You and known as Yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness

**(CHORUS)**

**(VERSE 3)**

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like You in Your death my Lord  
So with You to live and never die

**(CHORUS)**

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**Call to Confession**

Jesus said:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying  
heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke,  
a burden scaled to match our frames;  
we do not know how to rest in the promise  
of such labor.**

**Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility;  
others find no welcome in the marketplace.  
We confound your vision for our common life.**

**Forgive our blind striving,  
our stifled concern,  
the judgments we cast on others.  
Make yourself known to us in the silence.  
Shape your children for the commonwealth of your  
love.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Sisters and brothers, hear this gospel word:  
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;  
and there are varieties of activities,  
but it is the same God who activates all of them  
in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit  
for the common good.

I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
that your sin is forgiven.

You have been freed for service in his name.

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**SONG OF WORSHIP:**

*please remain seated*

**"OPEN OUR EYES, LORD"**

*(Hymn #536)*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Rev. Don Meekhof**

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

**Marsha Pettijohn**

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**Invitation to the Offering**

No one gives oneself freely and willingly  
to God's service unless,  
having tasted the Father's love,  
that one is drawn in love  
and worships God in return.

**\*Doxology**

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

Merciful Father, we offer  
with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your  
gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself  
for us—

Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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*Please be seated. The ushers will pass the offering plates.*

*The children are excused to attend Junior Chapel.*

**Offertory**

**“Intermezzo”**

**Organ**

*David Paxton*

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURES**

**Laverne Meekhof**

**Song of Solomon 2:8–13** (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Listen! My beloved!

Look! Here he comes,  
leaping across the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look! There he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup> My beloved spoke and said to me,

“Arise, my darling,  
my beautiful one, come with me.

<sup>11</sup> See! The winter is past;  
the rains are over and gone.

<sup>12</sup> Flowers appear on the earth;  
the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup> The fig tree forms its early fruit;  
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.

Arise, come, my darling;  
my beautiful one, come with me.”

**Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30** (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

<sup>17</sup> “‘We played the pipe for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge,  
and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a

friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**MESSAGE**

**Jamie Fiorino**

**“My Yoke Is Easy, And My Burden Is Light.”**

Reflection Questions: Everyday, ordinary life contains all sorts of merism: this, that, and everything in between. And everyday, ordinary life contains all sorts of ways we lift ourselves (and others) up. Take time this week to reflect on your red balloons and the red balloons of the people you love. Consider:

1. In your life, where are the places that you experience Jesus’ easy yoke and light burden?
2. How do you understand rest as part of discipleship?

**\*SONG OF WORSHIP:**

## **“TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS”**

*(Hymn #520)*

### **(VERSE 1)**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

### **(REFRAIN)**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!**

### **(VERSE 2)**

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

### **(REPEAT REFRAIN)**

### **(VERSE 3)**

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace.

### **(REPEAT REFRAIN)**

### **(VERSE 4)**

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end.

## **SHARING AROUND CHRIST'S TABLE—COMMUNION**

**Rev. Don Meekhof**

*Christ becomes a part of our flesh through Holy Communion.*

*The Lord's Supper is not an end in itself. It always points beyond itself to celebrate God's grace and covenant faithfulness. This does not mean the physical aspects of the celebration are incidental or unimportant. The Lord's*

*Supper should be a celebration fitting to the abundant grace of God offered in Christ.*

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper  
Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup  
Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

*It is the custom at Knox, in celebration of Holy Communion, to hold hands and form a circle around the sanctuary to sing our closing song...*

**"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"**

*(Hymn #708)*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**BENEDICTION**

**Jamie Fiorino**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Peau"**

**Organ**

*Domenico Scarlatti*

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**Our guest preacher this morning is Jamie Fiorino.** Formerly a devoted Pepsi drinker, Jamie has discovered the wonders of coffee. Being a graduate-level student had something to do with the change, as did the immense availability and wide-array of coffee options in undergrad. Did you know the further east you go in the US, the less drive-thru espresso stands there are? And since Jamie lives only 50 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, you won't be surprised that there are none in New Jersey—a real travesty if you ask her. Jamie will be with us the rest of the month and is eagerly looking forward to graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary in 313 days.

**Today's Lectionary Readings**

**Genesis 24: 34–38, 42–49, 58–67**

**Psalm 45:10–17 or Song of Solomon 2:8–13**

**Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**

**Romans 7:15–25a**

## *Questions for Reflection*

What misplaced burdens are you carrying? Where might God be offering you a more well-fitted yoke? Where are your expectations of God and the church unmet? Where do you sense God moving in hidden ways?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

As the darkness recedes, open my eyes to the gift of this day;

help me to trust you with all that it will hold.

In the hours to come, as my plans are interrupted, tune

my ear to the sound of your voice,

my eye to the movement of your Spirit,

my heart to the strength of your desire,

that I might glimpse your hidden graces

and be strengthened in your service,

for I would be your instrument. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Merciful God,

I come weary, grateful for the chance to meet you in the silence,

eager to be washed again in your claim.

Lift from me the burdens I do not easily yield.

In your gracious provision, fit me with a better yoke that I might rest as a child secure and rise with a teachable spirit. Amen.