

+All may stand as able.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Prelude in F”

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 79 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” vss. 1-4
*Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.*

*Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Lo! the apostolic train joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.*

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

+CALL TO WORSHIP
Holy God of all creation, we gather in this place
to remind ourselves that we are your people and
you are our God.
*We celebrate the good news that you are able to
receive us as we are- the good news that you care
enough to live among us, to dwell within us.*
Holy Sustainer of this surprising mystery we call life,
we bring ourselves together to help each other know
just how much you care.
*Fill us with your love, for we would be part of your web
of healing and forgiveness, gathered to celebrate
the risen Christ.*

+SUNG RESPONSE 560 vs. 2
*Teach us, O Lord, our lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

SOLO “Safe Within Your Arms”
Karen Q. Clark, Soprano

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS
HYMN 601, refrain (Sing Twice)
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
*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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Dr. John Robbins

Johann Krebs

GROSSER GOTT

9:00 Rev. Kathleen McMurray 11:00 Dr. Jeffery Hampton

ACCEPTANCE

Mark Hayes

Cindy Burns

9:00 Rev. McMurray 11:00 Dr. Hampton

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “Offertory”
Karen Q. Clark, Soprano
John Ness Beck

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?
No!
*In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.*
*We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
Thanks be to God! Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI 70
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

+SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:14-18
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.
Dr. Robbins

+GREETING

MESSAGE
“Whom Do You Serve?”
Sermon Series: The Way Home
Dr. Robbins

+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

+HYMN 348 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”
*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*
THOMPSON

*Refrain:
Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?*

Refrain:
*Come home, come home;
 you who are weary come home;
 earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
 calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
 passing from you and from me;
 shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
 coming for you and for me.*

Refrain:
*Come home, come home;
 you who are weary come home;
 earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
 calling, O sinner, come home!*

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,
 promised for you and for me!
 Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
 pardon for you and for me.*

Refrain:
*Come home, come home;
 you who are weary come home;
 earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
 calling, O sinner, come home!*

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

9:00 Rev. McMurray 11:00 Dr. Hampton

RESPONSE FOR NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Robbins

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE 143

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

POSTLUDE "Tuba Tune"

Norman Cocker

Assisting in Worship:

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Kathleen McMurray, Pastor, Connecting Ministries
 Dr. Jeffery Hampton, Pastor, Caring & Families
 Cindy Burns, Minister to Children & Families
 James Maase, Minister of Music, Arts & Worship
 Stanley Cox, Associate Minister of Music & Arts/ Organist

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WELCOME

*Thank you for joining
 us in worship.*



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Whom Do You Serve?

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