

#### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost – July 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.



United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond

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#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE "We Walk by Faith" Wilson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 105:1-4, 7

Kristen Surratt

Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Search for God, and for His strength.

Never stop looking for Him.

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 116

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#### \*OPFNING PRAYER

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Walk, walk by faith!

By faith, Noah built an ark in the midst of doubt and fear. By faith, he waited patiently till the plan of God was clear. By faith, David slew Goliath with a mighty blow. By faith, Moses spoke for God, saying "Let my people go!" He walked by faith!

By faith, Esther told the king Haman was an evil man. By faith, the Israelites were saved, according to God's plan. By faith, Deborah told Barak that peace would be restored. By faith, Hannah prayed to God and a son was her reward! She walked by faith!

By faith, Jesus came to earth, in lowly human frame. By faith, he obeyed the plan that God in heaven made. By faith, we will walk each day, his spirit by our side; By faith, we will find our way, by faith and not by sight!

We'll walk by faith!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 50)

Exodus 3:1-15

Martha Taylor

This is the Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God*.

SERMON Rev. George Ragsdale

#### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION No. 60 Upper Room Worshipbook

"The Summons"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words: Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "By Faith"

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\*Act of Praise "Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! \*Prayer of Dedication
The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal Pg. 895)

#### GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

COMMISSIONING OF 2017 VBS TEAM

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 111

"How Can We Name a Love"

\*POSTLUDE

#### \*Those who are able please stand.

**WELCOME!** We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We invite you to check out the opportunities we have for children, youth and adults of all ages and stages of life. We offer ministries and a community of faith that will help challenge and encourage you as together we seek to grow as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, serving God and our neighbor in all that we do.

**VISITORS:** Stop by our welcome table in the narthex as you leave today to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We would love to know more about you, so please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down your pew and share your contact information so that we can be in touch with you.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMISSIONING:** This morning at both worship services we are commissioning our ministry partners who will be spending their week at Vacation Bible School. Please keep in prayer this group of adults and youth as they share stories of Super Heroes from the Bible with children of our church family but also many children from our community ages three through fifth grade.

**CHURCH UPDATES VIA TEXT MESSAGING:** Did you know our church sends occasional news and important updates via text message? If you haven't signed up yet, text FUMCBELMONT to 313131 or visit <a href="https://www.fumcbelmont.org/text">www.fumcbelmont.org/text</a>. You can opt out at any time.

**LITURGY BOXES FOR CHILDREN:** Liturgy Boxes are intended to help young children engage in our worship services with intentionally chosen items to use at different times throughout worship. If your child would like to use one of the boxes, they are located in the Narthex. Please return them following the worship service for others to use next week.

**PARENTS HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE AGE YOUNG ADULTS.** Please send Margie current contact information for those not in school and update any student addresses you have for the upcoming school year.

"SOMETIMES IN APRIL" MOVIE SHOWING JULY 30: As our church continues to be a Hope Companion to a community of orphans in Rwanda, we will use the movie "Sometimes in April" to get a glimpse into what the country of Rwanda experienced during the genocide of 1994. Following the movie, there will be a time of discussion. A meal will be served. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. The evening will wrap up about 8:00 p.m.

\*Due to graphic content, viewers must be 18 or older. Child care will be available for younger children, led by our youth as they, too, learn about Zoe and the work our community is doing to learn how to support themselves.

**ZOE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** While parents view the movie "Sometimes in April" our children and youth will be learning about the children of our Hope Companion team and what the Zoe organization does to empower these children to become self-sufficient. Children and youth will have a meal together beginning at 5:00 p.m. and then have a learning opportunity about Zoe and engage in a service opportunity to serve the children of our community named Abishyizehamwe. Please let us know if your youth or children will be attending by emailing Kristen@fumcbelmont.org.

**PASTOR GEORGE IS LEADING A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND MARCH 11-20, 2018:** The 9 day trip will include visits to many sites recorded in the Bible. God's Word will come to life as we visit places like the Sea of Galilee, Mount of the Beatitudes, Caesarea, Nazareth, the Jordan River, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Qumran, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and others. More information about this exciting trip is forthcoming as travel dates are finalized with our travel agents. To express interest in joining this pilgrimage, email Pastor George at <a href="mailto:george@fumcbelmont.org">george@fumcbelmont.org</a>. This trip will truly be a trip of a lifetime!

# A HUGE thanks to all the youth who are helping with VBS. Your service is appreciated. See you tonight as you lead and serve our children. Youth Group will be participating in the Zoe evening on July 30th. We will help lead informative and fun activities for the children attending the event. Dinner is included. 5:00-8. If you will be participating in the Zoe night please email Kristen at kristen@fumcbelmont.org.

**USHERS:** Calvin Harris, Sam Pennington, Michael Nance, Reid McGraw

**GREETERS:** Jeff Swing, Brenda Swing, Boyce O'Tuel

**ALTAR:** Worship Committee **ACOLYTE:** Brooklyn Gaskill

TELLERS: Bill Layne, Boo Layne, Jeff Langley, Karen Demers

### BASEBALL TICKET ORDER FORM

Join your church family for fun and fellowship!



August 4th

Game Time: 7:05 PM

Ticket Price: \$15/person\*



\*Children three and under are free with a paying adult.

Ticket cost includes general admission and unlimited chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, soda and water.\*\*

## STAY AFTER THE GAME TO ENJOY THE FINAL FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA OF THE SEASON!

Pre-order your tickets to ensure we have enough for everyone. You can pick up your family's tickets during office hours between July 24 and August 3.

#### FUMC BELMONT NIGHT AT THE GRIZZLIES GAME

Name:				
Email (for confirmation):				
How many tickets are you purchasing?				
Total cost (quantity x \$15)				

Please submit payment with the ticket order form. Checks should be made out to FUMC Belmont and in the memo line, Gastonia Grizzlies game.

\*\*If there are food allergies in your family, alternate pricing is available.