

Ushers Bill Stewart*, Terry & Anne McKee,
Larry & Susan Bell, Cliff & Carol
Gillispie, Don & Wendy Moore

Welcome Hosts Dan & Diana Breen

Coffee Servers Navigator Mariners: Stan & Betty
Eischen

Coffee Hosts Martha Worley

Flowers To the Glory of God and in honor of
our parents Cliff & Carol Gillispie.

Those Serving Today:

Darlene Cusick, Organist



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017
10:00 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

"Allegro Vivace" Handel

WELCOME

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION (responsive)

Dave Dillon, Liturgist

Ancient Sower, your holy word is scattered in
our hearts as good seed in fertile soil.

**So nurture us that we may bear fruit
abundantly.**

*PRAISE GOD WITH SONG (screen)

"O Word of God Incarnate"

CALL TO PRAYER

In the assurance of God's amazing grace, let us
make our confession together.....

*PRAYER LEADING TO NEW LIFE AND NEW
BEGINNINGS

The seed of Your kingdom is forever being
sown into our lives, our world, O God. But it
doesn't always take root. Sometimes it fails
to find a place to grow.

And so we pray...

Innovation and Vision

Our Core Values

- ◇ Genuine relationships are the heart of our church.
- ◇ God calls us to meet the real needs of real people who are imperfect like us.
- ◇ We grow spiritually serving, worshiping, and laughing together.

Our Strategic Focus: *Lighten the load for families* in our local neighborhood.

Our Strategic Priorities

- In our neighborhood... become more helpful
- In our congregation... become more relational
- Across all ministries... become more intergenerational
- In our connections... become more digital
- In all our decisions... become more aligned with our values and mission

The regular schedule and contact list can be found on the green card in the pews. Please feel free to take one with you.

Announcements for this week will be handed out by the ushers and found on the Information Desk and at the Good News Center.

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For ourselves and others when life makes us hard and resistant like a well-trodden path where old habits, old systems and old patterns of thinking keep your message from growing;

For ourselves and others when we become so immersed in the short-lived, shallow, rock-hiding soil of the moment where Your life too easily gets blown away by the wind;

For ourselves and others when our fears, insecurities, desires and self-absorption tangle like thorns around Your grace and choke it into silence;

For ourselves and others when Your truth brings out the best in us and we grow fruitful in compassion and justice in service and worship.

The seed of Your kingdom is forever being sown into our lives and our world, O God; May it find good soil, may it grow and may it produce a harvest of life, peace, joy and love in us and across the globe. Amen.¹

***MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING #623 "Gloria Patri"**

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Please share the peace with one another.

WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

LISTENING FOR THE WORD WITHIN THE WORDS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 119: 105-112, page 962

ANTHEM

"Andante"

Tom Anderson, trumpet

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23, page 1516

LISTENING FOR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Scattering God's Grace"

Rev. Dr. James L. Wallace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***PRAISE GOD WITH SONG (screen)**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Allegro"

Ballay

***DOXOLOGY**

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***PRAISE GOD WITH SONG (screen)**

"Christ Taught Us as a Farmer"

***BLESSING**

SENDING MUSIC

"Allegro Maestoso from Water Music" Handel

*Those who are able may stand.

¹From liturgical resources for the day, <http://sacredise.com/>