

Holy Communion (see insert)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Favorite Hymn 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction Hymn 601 *Amen*

*Postlude



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 - 11:00 AM
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” Psalm 122:1*

Welcome to all who gather to worship today! We hope you feel warmly welcomed and even “at home,” for all are welcome in God’s house! If you are a guest today, we are honored by your presence with us and hope to see you again! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew. Everyone is invited to stay for our fellowship hour following worship!

WPC Vision & Mission Statement

Growing and Building in the Love of Christ
Ephesians 4:16

We ENVISION a church that:

- † Is kind, generous, hospitable and welcoming.
- † Involves everyone in local and global mission.
- † Treats everyone as a Child of God.
- † Shares our time, talents, and treasure.

Our MISSION is to grow and build in:

- † Faith through worship, prayer, and Bible study.
- † Fellowship with one another and with guests.
- † Hospitality shown to our community and world.
- † Facilities that are exceptional and accessible.

* Congregation is invited to stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>O Lord, Be Merciful It Was For Me Communion Hymn</i>	H. Bartlett Ch. Blount M. Opie
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Welcome and Announcements
(Please sign the Friendship Pads located in each pew.)

Call to Worship *(Psalm 130:5-6)*
God has lavished us with every perfect gift from above
**and called us to living intimacy through the Beloved One,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Opening Prayer *(pray together)*
Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Born again by your word of truth, let us live out your love, doing your word, caring for the weak and vulnerable in their distress, and ever pursuing your reign of justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

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Invitation to Confession of Sin

Confession of Sin

Loving, righteous God, our hearts are defiled with the wickedness you hate. You have called us to yourself, but we have gone away. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions; cleanse our tongues from evil words so that our worship may be pure and undefiled and we may live with you in love for others ...(time for silent confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has liberated us from dead tradition and made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God's love.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings (from the Common English Bible)

Old Testament Song of Solomon 2:8-13 ~ page 588

New Testament James 1:17-27 ~ page 215

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23 ~ page 40

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Message "True Devotion" Rev. Joan Wilson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us humans, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

***Gloria Patri** (words at left)

***Hymn 533** In the Singing

The Eucharist

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication** (words at left)

Glory Be to the Father

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!

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.