

**Service of the Lord's Day**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 25, 2017**

Prelude

Greeting and News of the Church

Time of Preparation

‡ Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God with joy and serve God with gladness.

**All: We come into God's presence with singing.**

One: Let us gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

**All: For God's love is ever constant in our lives.**

One: Let us be open to the joy and surprises that God's Spirit brings

**All: Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.**

One: Let us rejoice in the gift of Jesus Christ, our salvation

**All: We will sing glad songs for all that God has done. Amen.**

‡ Hymn # 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Prayer of Confession

**O God, we admit that we too often see our lives as a burden to be borne rather than a joy to be celebrated. We become blind to the wonder and laughter of our world, because we become trapped in our own anxiety and seriousness. We confess we focus on the difficulties and problems of life, and become stuck in discouragement and despair. O God, enable us to find the perspective to see the comedy involved in being human as we learn to laugh at ourselves and our mistakes. Help us to understand that even in the most absurd situations we can still put our trust in you. Bring us good cheer that we might be able to enjoy our lives and continue to have faith in your love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Time of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

‡ Response # 464

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (v. 1)

Time with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126 (OT p.613)

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15 (OT p.15)

Sermon

“Sarah Laughed”

Rev. Laura Niles Finch

‡ Hymn #483

“Sing Praise To God, Who Reigns Above”

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory/Offering

‡ Doxology #592

‡ Offertory Prayer

Oh God may our offerings be an expression of genuine love that reflects your love for us. May our hands extend a blessing to friend and stranger alike, and may the gift of these resources make a difference in their lives. We dedicate our time and our talents to Christ's service and the coming of God's kingdom, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

‡ Hymn # 281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

‡ Charge/Benediction

‡ *Please stand, if able* \* “Amen” sung after first and last hymn

We are pleased to WELCOME those visiting with us today, and hope you will return and worship with us again.

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Co-Pastor—Rev. Laura Niles Finch  
Worship Associate—Gil Apps  
Organist/Pianist— Marcia Thornton  
Ushers – Kurt & Orban Winton

**THIS WEEK**

Today		Discussion after worship in the Library
Wed.	6:00	Bible Study is adjourned for summer.
Thurs.	10:00	Bible Study is adjourned for summer

June 26-July 4, Pastors are on vacation  
July 2 Guest Pastor Rev. Ted Mattie

**BUDGET SUMMARY FOR MAY 2017**

We took \$1,984.31 from our other accounts to pay operating expenses in May 2017.  
Session's budget for running the church in 2017 is now \$86,323, an average of \$7,194/month.  
Our May income was \$4,542, or 63% of our monthly expense budget.  
Our January through May income was \$29,398, or 82% of our five months' expense budget.

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