

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, September 2, 2018  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**ENTRANCE**

*The people come together in the Lord's name.*

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PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AMONG US

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP      *Morning Has Broken*      UMH 145

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 130

One: God has given us this day for praise!

**All: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!**

One: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

**All: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!**

One: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

**All: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love.**

One: Let us pray...

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *Now Thank We All Our God*      UMH 102

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER      *For the Beauty of the Earth*      UMH 92

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE      *Threefold Amen*

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**PROCLAMATION**

*The Scriptures are opened to the people.*

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SCRIPTURE      Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23      NT 38

CHILDREN'S SERMON      *Clean!*

*No Children's Church June 10-September 2. Children's activity bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance if needed. Children's Church will resume September 9.*

ANTHEM      *Down to the River to Pray*      arr. Sheldon Curry

SCRIPTURE      James 1:17-27      NT 209

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON      *Good Beginnings*

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**RESPONSE**

*The people respond with acts of commitment and faith.*

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INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON      UMH 12

OFFERING      *I Giorni*      Ludovico Einaudi  
    Offertory      UMH 95  
    Doxology  
    \*Dedication of the Offering

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING      UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER      UMH 895

HOLY COMMUNION  
*Gifts left on the altar during Communion are designated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and are used to address urgent needs in our church family and community.*

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**SENDING FORTH**

*The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.*

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\*HYMN OF PROMISE      *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*      UMH 399

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES FORTH

BENEDICTION      *On Eagle's Wings*      UMH 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.

POSTLUDE

\* = Please stand as you are able.

NT = New Testament, OT = Old Testament

TFWS = The Faith We Sing, UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

A fully staffed and stocked nursery is available for your convenience.

Also, the rocking chairs in the Sanctuary are for rocking your little ones.

Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

<p><b>THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR</b> are given to the glory and praise of Almighty God and in honor of Carol Snipes on her September 3 birthday, with love, by Da1.</p>
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**SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**

**BY OUR PRAYERS...**

Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests remain on this list for thirty days. We have an active prayer chain. If you have need for immediate prayer, please call the church office or Joanne Taylor at 910-892-7034.

Lou Allred	Susie Byrd	Joe Giles	Ida Lawrence
Irma Apel	Larry Carmichael	Tanya Giles	Family of James E. Lee, Jr.
James Best	Nancy Cooper	Family of Johnny Glover	Sherrell Taylor
David Brooks	James Cooper	Alton Gower	Nancy Thomas
Jimmy Brooks	Charlie Crumpler, Jr.	Rick Grossman	Dollye Walters
Harold Butts	John Curtis	Sarah Herring	Irvin Warren
Carroll Byrd	Lin Ferrell	Susan Horton	Terry Waterbury
Kim Byrd	Elliott Gifford	Anne Johnson	Vickie West



**BY OUR PRESENCE AND GIFTS 8/26/18...**

Sunday School Attendance	31	Offering Received	\$ 5,824.00
Worship Attendance	100	Weekly Cash Needs	\$ 7,369.29

Memorials for **Mary Lemuel Blalock** have been given by Jimmy and Gail Goodman, Rudy King, Paul and Teeny Perry, and Gary and Debbie Riegel.

*A Place to... Belong... Believe... Become*

**BY OUR SERVICE...**

		<b><i>This Week</i></b>		<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
ACOLYTE	Sep 2	Jackson Crumpler	Sep 9	Aloah Woodrow
ALTAR FLOWERS	Sep 2	Dal Snipes	Sep 9	Susie Byrd
FINANCE	Sep 2	Karen McLeod	Sep 9	Rudy King
GREETERS	Sep 2	Cindy Coats	Sep 9	Sharon Hundley
		Harold and Linda Medlin		Jeff and Julie Malcolm
NURSERY	Sep 2	Martha Smith	Sep 9	Joanne Taylor
		<b><i>This Month</i></b>		<b><i>Next Month</i></b>
ALTAR GUILD	Sep	Peggy Johnson	Oct	Caroline Wilson
		Susie Creel		Heidi Hamilton
LITURGIST	Sep	Gary Ronnfeldt	Oct	Craig Strickland
USHERS	Sep	Whit Brewer, Pete Bynum, Harold Butts, Jerry Callahan	Oct	Charlie Crumpler, Al Gower Open, Open

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**Today's Scripture Readings**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Next Week's Readings**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

**SEASON OF CREATION**

Planting Sunday: Good Beginnings

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

*Divine Street United Methodist Church*

**Rev. Elizabeth Gaines, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Amy Stovall, Director of Music Ministries**  
**Mrs. Anna Bunn, Organist**  
**Rev. Karen Lucas, Director of Children and Youth**  
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