

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Sunday, September 23, 2018
 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

The people come together in the Lord's name.

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AMONG US

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Morning Has Broken* UMH 145

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wisdom cries out in the streets.

All: We hear and struggle to understand.

One: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

All: We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

One: We worship the God of life and wisdom whose words guide our life on the right paths. Let us pray together.

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* UMH 185

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER *Nearer, My God, to Thee* UMH 528

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

PROCLAMATION

The Scriptures are opened to the people.

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-38 NT 40

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Easy Way Out*

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE James 3:1-12 NT 210

SERMON *Water, Water Everywhere*

RESPONSE

The people respond with acts of commitment and faith.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Affirmation from Romans 8* UMH 887

OFFERING

 Offertory

 Doxology

 *Dedication of the Offering

Aurora Borealis

 arr. Lynda Lybeck-Robinson

 UMH 95

SENDING FORTH

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

*HYMN OF PROMISE *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77

*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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory and praise of Almighty God and in honor of Barbara Bethea on her birthday from her loving husband and family.

Today's Readings

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

Next Week's Readings

Ester 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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	Nancy Thomas
Irma Apel	Larry Carmichael	Tanya Giles	Dollye Walters
James Best	Nancy Cooper	Alton Gower	Irvin Warren
David Brooks	James Cooper	Rick Grossman	Terry Waterbury
Jimmy Brooks	Charlie Crumpler, Jr.	Sarah Herring	Vickie West
Harold Butts	John Curtis	Susan Horton	John Willoughby
Carroll Byrd	Lin Ferrell	Anne Johnson	Debra Winstead
Kim Byrd	Elliott Gifford	Ida Lawrence	

BY OUR PRESENCE AND GIFTS 9/9/18... (no service 9/16/18)

Sunday School Attendance	34	Offering Received	\$ 5,724.24
Worship Attendance	92	Weekly Cash Needs	\$ 7,369.29

Memorials for **Mary Lemuel Blalock** have been given by Ray and Betty Blalock, Virginia Anne Newton, Elizabeth Newton Riley, Caroline Newton Smith and Sherrell and Joanne Taylor.

A memorial for **Chris Byrd** has been given by Thomas and Betsy West.

BY OUR SERVICE...

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
ACOLYTE	Sep 23 Aloah Woodrow	Sep 30 Brady Wilson
ALTAR FLOWERS	Sep 23 Hank Bethea	Sep 30 Gail Goodman
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Sep 23 Martha Smith	Sep 30 Open
	Open	
FINANCE	Sep 23 Ellen Jernigan	Sep 30 Open
GREETERS	Sep 23 Robert and Kay Parker	Sep 30 Open
	Joanne Taylor	
NURSERY	Sep 23 Ligon Holder	Sep 30 Susan Welch
	<i>This Month</i>	<i>Next Month</i>
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,	Oct Charlie Crumpler, Al Gower
	Harold Butts, Jerry Callahan	Open, Open



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

SEASON OF CREATION

Sky Sunday

SEPTEMBER 23, 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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