

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, July 30, 2017**  
**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.**

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- Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
  - Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
  - All worshippers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.
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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

AND PRELUDE.....“JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL” ..... SETTING BY HOPSON

SUNG RESPONSE #328 (UMH).....“SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE”

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

**People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God’s faithful people.**

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

**People: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God’s light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!**

\*\*HYMN #92 (UMH) .....“FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God, our God, we celebrate the new life which you have given us. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. Gracious God, we are so grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have placed before us. Yet there are times when doubt has overcome hope, cynicism has replaced dedication, the world’s values have**

**captured us more than yours. Forgive us those times, we pray. Help us let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your love and justice. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00) – .....JERRY MCNABB

EPISTLE LESSON, ROMANS 8:26-39 (pages 158 & 159)

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\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52 (pages 14 & 15)

**Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*\*RESPONSE #177 (UMH) .....“HE IS LORD”

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!**

**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

SERMON .....“NOW AND NOT YET” ..... REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

\*\*HYMN #540 (UMH) ..... “ILOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE #2215 (TFWS) ..... “CARES CHORUS”

**I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,**

**and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

COMMISSIONING OF THE COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM (8:30) (yellow insert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – ..... “ALLEGRO” ..... PURCELL

\*\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #94 (UMH) ..... “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*\*HYMN #670 (UMH)..... “GO FORTH FOR GOD”

\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.**

POSTLUDE ..... “THE REJOICING” ..... HANDEL



**\*\*Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you

W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME GUESTS!** We welcome all to worship at Elkton UMC this morning, and extend a special welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning. Please fill out the blue visitor card located in the pew racks. We also have a gift for all first-time visitors to our church. It is available from the welcome center or from the ushers in the foyer. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive the gift, just speak to one of the ushers as you're leaving the worship service this morning, and they will see that you receive one! Once again, welcome to worship at Elkton UMC!

**COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON/VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERMON** – Several persons with hearing difficulties have found it helpful to have a copy of the sermon and read along as it is preached, therefore copies are now available from the ushers should you wish to have one. Videos of the sermon are now being posted on-line as well. To see a video, go the church website, [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org) and click on the “Sermons” link and there you will see a link to the You Tube site for our sermons.

**NEW SUMMER ADULT STUDY** – The Sunday School group that meets in the Conference Room in the Wesley Wing is starting a new study. From July 23 through August 26, they will focus on excerpts from Adam Hamilton's **Christianity and World Religions**. They meet from 10:00 to 10:45 each week. All are welcome!

**COSTA RICA MISSION STARTS WEDNESDAY!** Our Costa Rica mission team leaves Wednesday for this exciting new mission we're undertaking! Our UMC brothers and sisters of Kent Island UMC have been engaged in work there for many years, and have led hundreds of others, like the members of our team, to join them in this important work. Bill Johnston was part of a previous team, as was Terri Lokey. Terri is leading our team, and the rest of the members are: Megan O'Neal, Allison Rogers, Joe Tanner, Susan McDowell, Ted McDowell, Debby Miller and Lenore Dreisbach. Please remember them in your prayers as they leave on Wednesday and return on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Pray that they will have safe travels, and a wonderful and transforming time in Costa Rica.

**CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' SUMMER PICNIC** – The Classic Christians' Annual Summer Picnic will take place on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Betty and Ed Sprague in North East. All Classic Christians (age 50 and over) are invited and welcome to attend. Meats and beverages will be provided, but you are asked to bring either a side dish or dessert – and bring your swimsuit along if you'd like to swim in their beautiful pool. Please remember to bring a lawn chair as well. To take part in the picnic, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center, so we can be sure to have enough food!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION** – Just a reminder that Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday night in the Chapel from 6:15-6:30 p.m.

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM ..... Worship Services  
8:30 AM-12:00 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)

## MONDAY, JULY 31, 2017

6:30 PM ..... Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

2:30 PM ..... Nursing Home Visitation (Carol Robinson's Team)  
7:00 PM ..... Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017

5:30 PM ..... Youth Group  
6:15 PM ..... Communion (Chapel)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017

8:00 PM ..... AA Meeting (Room 1)



## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Worship Leader:** Bethany Buckley

**Readers:** 8:30 – Rich Gruebel 11:00 – Bill Ferringer

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Lauren Zimmer 11:00 – Sienna Graham

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Judy and Joe Tanner 11:00 – Kristen and Phil Czarnecki

**Welcome Center:**

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &  
9:30-9:50 – Connie Wilkinson 12:00-12:20 – Robyn Graham

**Hospitality:** 8:30 – Stacie Forman and  
Charlotte Mehosky 11:00 – Shirley Robinson and  
Tracey Sluder

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – Gerry Treese 11:00 – Carol Robinson

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – TBD

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Carly Smith and  
Kristina Keithley 11:00 – Roger Robinson and  
Rich Juergens

**Parking Lot**

**Knights:** Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Bob Gilmore,  
Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.

**Ushers:** 8:30 – Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Rich Achuff,  
Nancy Crawford, Wayne Eller, Keith McKenica, Irv Webber and  
Kevin White.

11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Sid Bledsoe, Bill  
Carroll, Ron Fetterolf, Joseph Graham and Bob Perkins.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in memory of our parents, Robert DiSciullo and Vincent & Deanna Caliendo given by Celeste and Chris DiSciullo.

**AVAILABLE ALL MORNING** – Nursery care is available during this morning's worship services. The nursery is located in Rooms 22-24 and is staffed by Yolanda Gomez, a professional childcare worker, assisted by volunteers from our congregation. One of our ushers can guide you there. New children are welcome! Also, please know that it is perfectly fine to leave the worship service with your child if they become restless or unhappy. Your child will be happier and those seated around you will appreciate your thoughtfulness.