

August 23, 2020

8:30 & 10:45

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

GATHERING

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – JOYS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* Page 95

PRELUDE *“Surely The Presence”*

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: If the Lord had not been on a side,

People: They would have swallowed us up alive.

Leader: We have escaped like a bird.

**People: Our help is in the Lord, who made heaven
 And earth.**

(Psalm124)

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“Rock of Ages Cleft for Me”* Page 361

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Silent Tears”* E. Gillenardo

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE **All: Lord, hear our prayers.**

*SCRIPTURE *“Matthew 16: 13-20”*

SERMON

Pastor Hurley

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *“My Hope is Built”* Page 368

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Thine Be The Glory”*

** Indicates to stand if able*

The flowers this morning are given by Barbara Waddle
in celebration of her parents', Bill & Pat Waddle's 60th Wedding Anniversary,
and, by
Doris Pierce and the Pierce Family in loving memory
of Samuel Pierce.



Welcome to St. Matthews By-the-Sea United Methodist Church

Our Vision: “To be a loving community that supports all people in finding new life in Christ.”

Our Mission: “To offer our service, facility, and church programs to meet the needs of our community and beyond so that lives are transformed to the glory of God.”

Deb Thornton, Millie Herr – Worship Leaders
Debby Dudley – Director of Music Edward Gillenardo – Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 23, 2020

Welcome to St. Matthews By-the-Sea. It is our hope that during our time of worship you will experience the presence of the risen Christ. **If you are worshipping with us from the parking lot, please tune in to 100.5 FM on your radio!**

The Prayer Group is once again meeting in person at the church every **Monday at 9:00am** for an hour of praise and supplication. The Prayer Group invites all who believe in the power of prayer to join them and bring your mask!

Velma, the UMM and the Missions Committee of SMBTS wish to convey warm thanks for the support shown in response to SOSA's need for food assistance. \$4,215.00 was received by the Society of St Andrew which will provide 112,000-115,000 servings of food to people in need. Contributions for SOSA will continue to be accepted through September 2020. Your gifts are a blessing!

Attention all SMBTS walkers! We will have another opportunity to fight hunger just by continuing to do our daily walks! Each walker will obtain sponsors to contribute to **CROP Hunger Walk**. The walk will be done individually or small family groups from Sept. 20 - Oct 18, 2020 following our local guidelines. 25% of donations remain in Sussex County for our local food pantries. So, get ready! Challenge: \$1.00/mile x 20 miles (for 2020) x 20 sponsors = \$400.00!!! Details coming soon. 😊 Sandy Pierce

"UMM will meet Saturday, September 5th at 7:30 AM for Breakfast, Bibles & Brotherhood; 8:00-9:00 AM Program: This will be a SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL MEN OF SMBTS to discuss "The Way Forward" for the World Wide UMC and the issue of human sexuality and church doctrine that says homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, no ordination of homosexuals and prohibition of same sex marriages. We will begin with song, followed by Communion and then Rev. Doug Stewart and I will open the conversation. Each attendee then will have 5 minutes to present their comments and/or submit a written statement. We will then move to a Q & A session to be followed by a non-binding straw vote. All Men are invited for this special program! **Sign up in the Narthex or with Phil Drew by calling 703-402-5735 or by email at Phil@AFGmortgage.com to make sure we have enough food and seating for breakfast! Wear your mask and bring your beach towel please."**

Water Ministry Update – It is still hot and we are still offering cool water, caring and love to our neighbors Saturday morning through our Water Ministry. The ministry continues through Labor Day weekend and contributions of bottled water and money for ice have been and will be appreciated. **Thank you SMBTS Family for your continued support of this ministry!!**

Ushers and Worship Leaders – For those of you who are able, we are still looking for assistance. We are currently putting together a current schedule so please contact the church office to volunteer or obtain additional information about serving in this manner.

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