

GATHERING:

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – JOYS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

PRELUDE *“Spirit of the Living God”* Edward Gillenardo

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *“The Apostles Creed”*

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there I one true church, whose Holy Faith let us now declare:

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“We Are the Church”* Page 558

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Offertory on Beatitudo”* Edward Gillenardo

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

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

*SCRIPTURE *“Luke 4:1-2, 13-21”*

SERMON *“PRESENCE”* Pastor Hurley

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”* Page 557

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Fantasia in G Major”* Edward Gillenardo

** Indicates to stand if able*

The flowers this morning are given by
Ruth Stevens in honor of her 43rd anniversary to her husband Sandy
and by
Wanda Bagarus In honor of her Brother-in-Law Tad Blundon



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.”

Sharon Fredericksen, JoAnn Strawser – Worship Leaders

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 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 worshiping with us from the parking lot, please tune in to 100.5 FM on your radio!**

BYKOTA Adult Sunday School Class will begin to meet today @ 9:30 a.m. in Clendaniel Hall (**masks are required**) with social distancing. We will finish Isaiah and start the book of Jeremiah. All are welcome!

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!

The **Crafty Ladies** are now meeting every **Tuesday in Clendaniel Hall at 9:30 am.** Bring your crafts that you made or your ideas that you had during COVID. It's also not too early to start collecting your used books, jewelry and white elephant items for the Christmas Bazaar on November 13 – 14, 2020.

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

We are now accepting donations of **nonperishable food items.** You can bring them with you to church **each Sunday.** Your donations go to the Pyle Center and are distributed to those in lower Sussex County who are experiencing difficult times. Check those expiration dates.

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Sunday, September 13, 2020
8:30 & 10:45 AM